

HAIKU IN A FEW



The **haiku**, an ancient (that's fancy for really old) form of Japanese poetry, consists of three short lines with the middle line slightly longer than the other two. The lines do not have to rhyme, but they should be about something in nature and convey an emotion. Follow these simple steps to learn how to do haiku and then test your new talent using the blank lines below.

- ♥ Select the season in which you want your poem to be set and then make a glossary (that's fancy for list) of words that describe the season. Include words for sounds, sights, and smells.
- ♥ Next, choose an event, person, or object from your life to be the subject of your poem.
- ♥ Recite the sample haiku provided below. Can you tell what the poems were written about? Can you imagine what the author was thinking and feeling while writing them?
- ♥ Be your own critic and be prepared to revise your work. Once you've written your poem, read it aloud. Does it paint a clear picture of your topic? Does it express an emotion?



Sitting soundly atop the trees
Puffy, fluffy, fleecy, floating, flying...
Big damp drops teem and stream

What am I?

Yellow fellow
Buzzing happily near the sweet bud...
Juicy sticky nectar

What am I?

My Haiku
