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God's Presence in Nature

Use the words and phrases you generated in your brainstorming session to write a poem—either a haiku or a cinquain—about your chosen object. Because God's presence is revealed in the created world, your poem will be like a prayer of praise, acknowledging the genius of the Creator.

Haiku

Haiku is a form of Japanese poetry. Its traditional subject matter is the natural world.

A haiku is unrhymed and always consists of three lines:

- The first line has five syllables.
- The second line has seven syllables.
- The third line has five syllables.

Cinquain

A cinquain is an unrhymed poem that consists of five lines.

Each line is composed of a specified number of words:

- The first line is one word, which is the title of the poem (usually a noun).
- The second line is two words, which describe the title.
- The third line is three words, which are action words, often ending in "ing."
- The fourth line is four words, which depict emotion(s) about the title: these may be four individual words or a four-word phrase.
- The fifth line is one word, which is a synonym of the title or a restatement of the title in a slightly different way.

Use this paper to write rough drafts of your poem. When the text of your poem is finalized, your teacher will give you further directions.



