

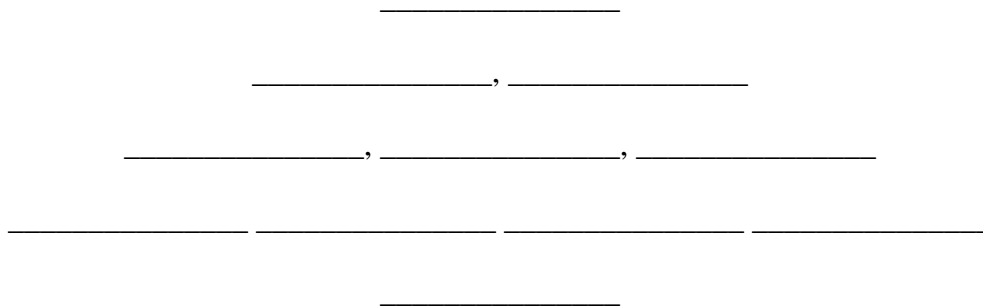
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Cinquain

The cinquain is a five line poem with definite requirements for each line:

Line 1	One word	What the poem is about (noun).
Line 2	Two words	Words that describe the word in Line 1 (adjectives).
Line 3	Three words	Actions associated with the word in Line 1; what it does (verbs in the SAME FORM).
Line 4	Four words	Words that express a thought or feeling about the word in Line 1; words that make a little statement about the word in Line 1 (NOT A COMPLETE SENTENCE!).
Line 5	One word	Another word for the word in Line 1 –OR– a word that tells how you feel about the word in Line 1 (noun).

Here is a diagram of a cinquain:



Here are some sample cinquains:

Wind
Rough, strong
Yelling, howling, destroying
Knocks the trees down
Tornado

Rain
Gentle, cool
Revives, renews, revitalizes
Quencher of thirst
Nectar

Notice these key elements:

- The three verbs in Line 3 are the SAME FORM! They all have the same ending.
- The thought in Line 4 is not a complete sentence but part of one. It makes a thought. Avoid “it” structures such as “it knocks down trees” or “it quenches thirst.”

On the back side of this sheet, try writing TWO of your own cinquains.