

Poetry Scavenger Hunt

This lesson has been borrowed and changed from: Famous Poems and Poets, Poems: Far and Near: A World of Words <http://volweb.utk.edu/Schools/bedford/harrisms/2lesson.htm>

1a. Describe the pattern for a Haiku poem. <http://www.abcteach.com/Contributions/HaikulInfo.htm>

1b. Haiku is often about what topic? _____

1c. Haiku originates in what country? _____

2. Enjoy some of the haiku written by children. Write down your favorite and **tell why** you like it. <http://homepage2.nifty.com/haiku-eg/gardEA3.htm>

3a. Judith Viorst has written fiction and nonfiction for children and adults. *If I Were in Charge of the World and Other Worries* . . . is a book of her poetry that we have in our library. Five of the poems from the book are on this webpage. <http://www.poets.org/poet.php/prmPID/61>

Which is your favorite? Why? _____

3b. How many books do we have by Judith Viorst in the Clifdale library? How many are poetry books? # Books _____ # Poetry Books _____

4. How many lines are in a limerick? List 3 facts about limericks. Scroll down the page and try completing the limerick that starts, "There once was a pauper named Meg." Just write the words, not the whole limerick.

<http://volweb.utk.edu/Schools/bedford/harrisms/limerick.htm>

Lines _____

Fact 1. _____

Fact 2. _____

Fact 3. _____

There once was a pauper named Meg

Who accidentally broke her _____.

She slipped on the _____.

Not once, but thrice

Take no pity on her, I _____.

5a. Jack Prelutsky writes great poetry for kids. Where does he get his ideas? (hint: you have to scroll down the page) http://teacher.scholastic.com/writewit/poetry/jack_meet.htm

5b. Write the title and call number of one Jack Prelutsky book that is in the Clifdale library.

6a. What is a couplet? <http://www.underdown.org/poetry-formats.htm>

6b. Give an example of a couplet written by Ogden Nash.

http://www.ogdennash.org/ogden_nash_poems.htm

7a. Is there a poet who is called Mother Goose? <http://www.librarysupport.net/mothergoosesociety/>

7b. When did Mother Goose rhymes originate? _____

7c. .Go to the website and open the book.

<http://www.gutenberg.org/files/10607/10607-h/10607-h.htm>

What was the original copyright date of this book? _____

7d. Use the Alphabetical List of First Lines.

Find the poem, "There was an old woman had three sons."

What are the names of the three sons? _____

8. How many lines are in a Cinquain? http://www.abcteach.com/free/h/howto_cinquain.pdf

9. If you have time, go to the following website and write a poem online using one of the forms on the left .<http://ettcweb.lr.k12.nj.us/forms/newpoem.htm>