

How to write a Tanka poem

The Tanka poem is very similar to haiku but Tanka poems have more syllables and it uses simile, metaphor and personification.

There are five lines in a Tanka poem.

Line one - 5 syllables	Beautiful mountains
Line two - 7 syllables	Rivers with cold, cold water.
Line three - 5 syllable	White cold snow on rocks
Line four - 7 syllables	Trees over the place with frost
Line five - 7 syllables	White sparkly snow everywhere.

Tanka poems are written about nature, seasons, love, sadness and other strong emotions. This form of poetry dates back almost 1200 years ago.

How to write a Haiku poem

Haiku is a form of Japanese poetry. It often centers around nature.

There are three lines in a Haiku poem.

Line one - 5 syllables	Amber shades of blood gray
Line two - 7 syllables	Love hate prideful shame dirty stains
Line three - 5 syllable	Wave by man cry alone

Haiku is like a photo that captures the essence of what's happening, often connecting two seemingly unrelated things.

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