

River Haiku

Despite the challenges our rivers face, you can still find incredible beauty. Haiku is a form of Japanese poetry. Traditionally, a poet writes Haiku when out in nature. Find something inspirational around you and write a haiku poem about it. The pattern for haiku is as follows:

five syllables
seven syllables
five syllables

Here is a haiku to get you started:

Birds chirp in treetops
Sun warms, wind whispers softly
Happy waters dance

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Now you try:



Find a piece of driftwood or a large fallen leaf. Write your haiku on it with a pen or marker. Toss your leaf into the water, and watch it be carried by the current.

Are You a Storyteller?

Below is an opening paragraph for a story. Read it and take a few minutes to think about how you would finish it. Then share your ideas with other people in your group to see how many different story lines emerge.

Making sure that no one was watching from the house, Amanda ran down the hill to the river. She scrambled through the tangled branches that grew along the bank and peered into the sluggish water. A sigh of relief escaped her lips. The little rowboat she had discovered the day before was still there.

