

# CINQUAIN POEM

A **Cinquain Poem** is a five-lined poem that is arranged in a specific way. There are two types of **Cinquain Poems** - one type is arranged by word count (five lines and 11 words) and the other type is arranged by syllable count (five lines and 22 syllables). A **Cinquain Poem** does not rhyme and is written to describe a person, place, or thing.

Use the suggestions below to write a **Word Count Cinquain Poem** of your own.

1. Choose a topic for your **Cinquain Poem**. Brainstorm some words or pictures for your poem.
2. Follow this pattern for your **Cinquain Poem**:
  - *Line 1 - one word/title (noun)*
  - *Line 2 - two describing words (adjectives)*
  - *Line 3 - three action words (ending in -ing)*
  - *Line 4 - four feeling words or a four-word phrase*
  - *Line 5 - repeat Line 1 or write a synonym for the word in Line 1*
3. Write your finished **Cinquain Poem** on the other side of this paper. Cut out your poem and glue it into your *Poetry Notebook*.
4. What else can you do with your **Cinquain Poem**?
  - Illustrate your poem.
  - As a classroom or on your own, create a book or calendar of **Cinquain Poems**. **Cinquain Poems** can also be used to enhance an animal or character study unit.
  - Share your **Cinquain Poems** with us! Share your poem on our Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter pages at @MaryRuthBooks or by email to [admin@maryruthbooks.com](mailto:admin@maryruthbooks.com).