

Earth Day Haiku

K-5

Objective: Students will paint a story with words in the form of haiku, and then use their haiku to draw a work of art.

Topics & Keywords for Discussion:

Haiku: a type of poem, usually describing an element of nature using the senses, composed of 3 lines with 17 syllables. The first and last lines of a haiku have 5 syllables, the middle line is 7 syllables.

Syllable: a word sound, counted in numbers. Some words have just one word sound, 1 syllable. Others contain two syllables or more... the word syllable has 3 syllables.

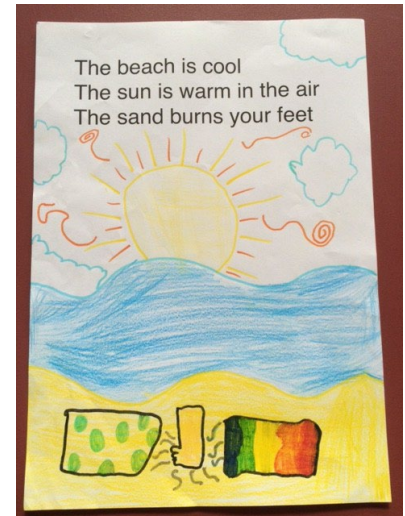
Materials: copy paper, pencils, dark markers, blue, green and black crayons; colored paper strips, glue sticks, haiku example pages.

Opening activity: Share with students that they will be creating haikus, and then read some haikus aloud to give them examples. Tell students that all haikus have follow a 5-7-5 syllable pattern, see if they can count quietly on their fingers while you re-read the examples, slowly.

Core Activity: Distribute the copy paper, and instruct students that we are creating a haiku drawing for Earth Day. Instruct students to write the first line together, in the CENTER of the page: "Thank you planet earth-" make sure you spell out each word together. For the next two lines, they will complete the haiku on their own, make sure to offer support with spelling! Also, instruct students to sound out each word and count the syllables (WORD SOUNDS) so they keep the haiku format.

Once they have written their haiku, they will use the crayons to draw a picture of the earth at the bottom of their page, wherever they find room. Green for the land, blue for the water, black for the outline- use the crayons provided. Then, using the colored strips of paper, they will glue a border around their haiku.

Reflection: Everything we have ever known, eaten, or loved has come from the earth. Think of all the things and people you are grateful for- your life on earth is VERY SPECIAL, and we share this planet with over 8 million other species of organisms. Since today is EARTH day, share with each other something amazing about YOUR life, here on earth!



Who am I?- Haiku
Green and speckled legs,
Hop on logs and lily pads
Splash in cool water.

Easter Chocolate Haiku
Easter bunny hides
Easter eggs are out of sight
Kids look everywhere

Age Ten
I don't do dishes
My room is a garbage dump
Mom is not happy

Happy Birthday
It's your birthday but
Didn't get you anything
Kids are always broke

Laundry
Where are my clean socks?
These smell worse than rotten fish
Time to do laundry

Anger
Tonight I'm a bee
Buzzing and darting about
Preparing to sting

Happiness
I got an A-plus
So Dad bought me an ice cream
My life is perfect