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Cinquains

The cinquain poem is a good way to introduce poetry to your students. Its highly structured form offers support for emerging young poets. They can be adapted to meet the capabilities of your students. They can follow one of the three styles below.

Line1: One word	Line1: A noun	Line1: Two syllables
Line2: Two words	Line2: Two adjectives	Line2: Four syllables
Line 3: Three words	Line 3: Three -ing words	Line 3: Six syllables
Line 4: Four words	Line 4: A phrase	Line 4: Eight syllables
Line 5: One word	Line 5: Another word for the noun	Line 5: Two syllables

You can start with an easy topic like a cat.



cat
sneaky lazy
sleeping creeping playing
chases mice and birds
feline

Choose and adapt the style of cinquain that best fits your students. The goal is to get your students interested in writing their own poetry.