

Cinquains

What is a cinquain poem?

Cinquain poems were created by American poet, Adelaide Crapsey, and are very similar to Japanese poetry forms like haikus.

What is the structure of a cinquain poem?

Cinquain poems are a verse of five lines that do not need to rhyme. Each line of the poem contains descriptive words and phrases to create images of a topic or object for the reader.

Line 1- Title

Line 2 - Two descriptive words

Line 3 - Three action words

Line 4 - A feeling about the topic or object

Line 5 - A synonym for the topic or object

An example of a cinquain poem:

Friends,
Trustworthy, respectful,
Laughing, smiling, loving,
Always there to support and protect me,
Families.



My Cinquain Planning Sheet

Before you begin writing your cinquain poem, you should start by writing down different ideas that you have about your particular topic or object. Use the following template to help you with your ideas.

Choose a topic or object for your poem: _____

List some adjectives that describe your topic or object:

List some verbs to do with your topic or object:

List some of your feelings and thoughts towards your topic or object:

List some synonyms (words that mean the same) for your topic or object:

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