

Types of Poetry



Read "Theme in Yellow" and classify what type of poem it is.

Theme in Yellow

Carl Sandburg

I spot the hills
With yellow balls in autumn.
I light the prairie cornfields
Orange and tawny gold clusters
And I am called pumpkins.
On the last of October
When dusk is fallen
Children join hands
And circle round me
Singing ghost songs
And love to the harvest moon;
I am a jack-o'-lantern
With terrible teeth
And the children know
I am fooling.

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Read the following poem by Matsuo Basho and classify what type of poetry it is.

The Old Pond

Matsuo Bashō

An old silent pond...
A frog jumps into the pond,
splash! Silence again.

2

Find the name of an epic poem.

What is the poem about?

3

Write a cinquain poem.
Remember, it has five lines and
the following syllable pattern:

2 - 4 - 6 - 8 - 2.

4

**Read a famous
soliloquy.**

From whose point of view is
it written?

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**What is your
favorite type
of poetry?
Why?**

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**Find two poems that
are different types but
about the same subject.**

**Create a Venn diagram
comparing them.**

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Which type of poem would be used to describe Robin Hood and his adventures? Why?

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