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Understanding poems and discussing them

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Class Objective

I will be able to understand and discuss poems in German.

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Concept A: Types of poetry

- Acrostic poetry

In an acrostic poem, the first letter of each word together spells out a word or phrase.

This type of poetry can be used effectively at all levels of instruction to explore topics, or cultural, literary, and media concepts.

Example:

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Concept A: Types of poetry

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Concept A: Types of poetry

- Cinquain poetry

This poem consists of five lines (hence the name "cinquain") that explore learners' notions of a concept (person, event, genre). It can be used at any language level and in any course.

Line 1:	State a subject in one word (noun)
Line 2:	Describe subject in two words (adjectives)
Line 3:	Describe action about the subject in three words (infinitives/a phrase)
Line 4:	Express an emotion about the subject in four words
Line 5:	Restate subject in a single word

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Concept B: Poem 1: Der Panther from Rainer Maria Rilke

- Sein Blick ist vom Vorübergehn der Stäbe
- So müd geworden, daß er nichts mehr hält.
- Ihm ist, als ob es tausend Stäbe gäbe
- Und hinter tausend Stäben keine Welt.

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