

Lotusland Poetry Ideas

Poetry is a great way to access the information and beauty inherent in Lotusland, as well as instructing your students in the use of sensory details, figurative language, personification, alliteration hyperbole and yes, even rhyme! Below are some poetry writing prompts

Acrostic poem: a poem that starts each line with the next letter of the title.

Example: Cycad

Cycads are endangered, and some kinds are extinct in the wild.

You won't believe your eyes when you see them!

Can you see

Amazing plant

Dinosaurs ate the cones millions of years ago

Cinquain Poem: (History of)

Cinquains have five lines

Line 1: Title (noun) - 1 word

Line 2: Description - 2 words

Line 3: Action - 3 words

Line 4: Feeling (phrase) - 4 words

Line 5: Title (synonym for the title) - 1 word

An example is:

Bromeliad

Beautiful, bizarre

Reservoir stores water

Roots anchor it anywhere

Epiphyte

5 Senses Poem: Choose a favorite plant or garden and write, using similes, what it looks like, sounds like, smells like, tastes like, and feels like.

The Blue Garden looks like plants cut from the sky

The Insectary sounds like an airport as butterflies flutter

The Japanese Garden smells like my grandmother's perfume

The Aloe Garden tastes like bitter medicine

Lotusland feels like a lush secret

Diamante Poem:

A diamante poem is a form similar to the Cinquain. The text forms the shape of a diamond.

Line 1: Noun or subject - one word

Line 2: Two Adjectives that describe line 1

Line 3: Three 'ing words that describe line 1

Line 4: Four nouns - the first two are connected with line 1; the last two are connected with line 7

Line 5: Three 'ing words that describe line 7

Line 6: Two adjectives that describe line 7

Line 7: Noun Synonym for the subject

Euphorbia
Thorny, weeping
Twisting, growing, reaching
Plant, poison, water, drought
Storing, poking, absorbing
Succulent

Haiku:

Haiku is Japanese poetry that reflects on nature and feelings. You use your observation skills to write what you see in a new or different way. There are three lines with five syllables in the first line, seven syllables in the second, and five syllables in the third.

Japanese Garden
Calm, peaceful, perfect, just right
My favorite spot

I WISH Poems:

Each line of the poem begins with the words "I wish" and then you fill in your ideas.

I wish I could be a koi swimming in the garden reservoir.
I wish I could see the fairies that must live here.
I wish I could read in the nest of Dragon trees.
I wish I could understand the language of birds.
I wish I could cuddle the bunny in the cycad garden.
I wish I could be a butterfly in the insectary.
I wish I could have topiary animals in my bedroom.

Limerick:

A limerick has five lines.

The last words of lines one, two, and five rhyme.

The last words of lines three and four rhyme.

A limerick has to have a pattern of stressed and unstressed syllables.

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 U S U U S U U S
 U S U U S
 U S U U S
 U S U U S U U S

An example is:

There was a madam from Poland
 Who dreamed the garden Lotusland
 She worked hard and long
 And got pretty strong
 As plants grew just as she planned

Bio-Poem:

A bio-poem tells the story of a plant's life.

My Plant Bio-Poem

 (Your plant's name.)

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 (4 traits about your plant.)

 (Name of plant family it is related to.)

 (Where your plant can be found.)

 (Something you care deeply about plants.)

 (Your plant's most interesting characteristic.)

Weeping Bamboo

Sections, drooping, smooth, fast-growing

Grass family

Mexico and Central America

Never know extinction

Stalks bending to touch the ground