

Formula Poems

Instructions: using the following formulas, compose a series of poems. These will be due tomorrow when you return to class!

I. DO TWO OF THESE

- #1: Participle, participle, participle
- #2: Noun
- #3: Adverb (how)
- #4: Verb
- #5: Adverb (where or when)

Example:

- #1: Leaping, soaring, flying
- #2: The superhero
- #3: Nonchalantly
- #4: Crashed
- #5: Into the wall

II. DO TWO OF THESE

- Title: Noun
- #1: Verb
- #2: Verb phrase
- #3: Three adjectives

III. Earliest Memory: DO ONE OF THESE

- Title: Earliest Memory
- #1: Adverb (where)
- #2: Doing what
- #3: Two or three words showing emotion
- #4: Detail from the setting
- #5: Skip a line
- #6: Tell how you feel

IV. Weather/nature DO ONE OF THESE

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The fog comes
on little cat feet.

It sits looking
over harbor and city
on silent haunches
and then moves on.

- Title: Form of Nature/weather chosen
- Line #1: Title + (how it arrives or begins as the animal would arrive)
- Line #2: Tell what it does
- Line #3: And how it does it
- Line #4: And where it is
- Line #5: Tell how it leaves (as the animal would leave)

-Carl Sanburg

V. First Lines/Last Lines: **DO ONE OF THESE**

From the lists below, chose a first and last line for your poem. You must fill in 8-10 lines in the middle. Good luck!

FIRST LINES

1. She stared out into the morning
2. Winding down the stairs
3. I finally got my wish
4. I loved you once
5. My father's hands
6. There was a time
7. When I remember
8. Can you take these
9. It was an ordinary thing.
10. Cold evening mists

LAST LINES

1. and wound away slowly.
2. as if it never happened.
3. alone in the rain.
4. in their direction.
5. and disappear.
6. that stays with me.
7. here even now.
8. as if we knew.
9. remember always.
10. never be the same.