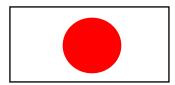
## **SNOW HAIKU**

Haikus are simple for the students to do and fun for them because the ideas are endless!

They go great with ANY theme! If you are focusing on a particular Science, History, Geography or Math lesson, take a break and let the kids write a Haiku poem about the topic!

Here are the steps I use to teach a SNOW Haiku:

- 1. Explain to the children that Haikus originated in Japan and are typically about nature.
- 2. Explain that a Haiku is a three line poem in which the 1<sup>st</sup> line has 5 syllables, the 2<sup>nd</sup> line has 7 syllables and the 3<sup>rd</sup> line has 5 syllables.
- 3. Review syllables by clapping 1, 2, 3 and 4 syllable words (i.e. dog, jumpy, excited, energetic)
- 4. Give each student a piece of paper.
- 5. In order to remember what a Haiku is, have them use markers or ABC stickers to write the word HAIKU at the top of their page.
- 6. Next, they draw a Japanese flag.



- 7. Third, they use marker or number stickers to write a 5, 7, and 5 in a vertical line.
- 8. Give them a 2<sup>nd</sup> piece of plain paper to write their Haiku draft on.

## Now to write!

- 9. Write the word SNOW at the top of the page.
- 10. For the first line, write a 5 syllable phrase that describes snow.
- 11. For the second line, write a 7 syllable phrase that describes snow.
- 12. For the third line, write a 5 syllable that describes snow.
- 13. Write a final draft on a nice sheet of paper leaving space at the top to write the title SNOW. The title can be written with marker or ABC stickers.
- 14. Complete the poem by adding a snow art accent.

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