



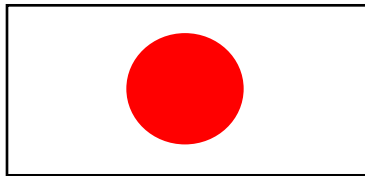
HAIKU

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 this prompt:

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 1st line has 5 syllables, the 2nd line has 7 syllables and the 3rd 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 2nd piece of paper to write their Haiku draft on.

Now to write!

9. Choose a Noun Topic or Theme to write about.
10. For the first line, write a 5 syllable phrase describing the chosen noun/topic/theme.
11. For the second line, write a 7 syllable phrase describing the chosen noun/topic/theme.
12. For the third line, write a 5 syllable phrase describing the chosen noun/topic/theme.
13. Write a final draft on a nice sheet of paper leaving space at the top to write a title.
The title can be written with marker or ABC stickers.
14. Complete as many haikus as you want!
