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Creative Writing for the Performing Arts

From Syllables to Sonnets

Abstract: This self-guided workbook guides students through the basics of poetry, with the end goal of writing a sonnet. Each lesson is followed by a game or creative activity so that the experience stays fun and engaging for the student as they learn about syllables, rhyme scheme, meter, and everything else that goes into a sonnet. Beginning with bite-size concepts before bringing them all together, this work-booklet will make a poet out of beginners and experienced writers alike.

Target Audience: Middle School, High School, Family Learning

Learning Objectives/Outcomes:

By using this Digital DIY Curriculum students will...

- Understand the basics of poetry structure
- Develop their creative problem solving skills
- Write their own sonnet

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Gluck Creative Classroom Digital DIY files:

From Syllables To Sonnets: The Basics of Writing Structured Poetry

Worksheets and Activities:

What is a Sonnet?

What are Syllables?

Syllables Game! - Activity worksheet

What are Lines and Stanzas and Haikus?

Write Your Own Haikus! - Activity worksheet

What is Syllable Stress?

Syllable Stress Game - Activity worksheet pdf

What is an Iamb?

Iamb Game! - Activity worksheet

What are Rhymes and End Rhymes?

Rhyming Game! - Activity worksheet

What is Rhyme Scheme?

Rhyme Scheme Game! - Activity worksheet

What is a Lymerick?

Write your own Lymerick! - Activity worksheet

What is a Rhyming Couplet?

Rhyming Couplet Game! - Activity worksheet

What is Iambic Pentameter?

Iambic Pentameter Game! - Activity worksheet

What is Sonnet Structure?

Let's Write A Sonnet Game! - Activity worksheet

Write your own Sonnet - Activity worksheet

Other types of Sonnets and Poems