

Snowflake Poetry Craft for **Winter Haiku Fun**

What is a haiku?



A haiku is a type of Japanese poetry, often with a focus on nature. It contains three lines with an emphasis on syllable count.

Line 1: 5 syllables

Line 2: 7 syllables

Line 3: 5 syllables

****A syllable is a single sound,
sometimes referred to as beats
[porcupine = 3 syllables > por-cu-pine]**



Let's make a Winter Haiku with a Snowflake theme!

To get a better understanding of snowflakes, let's do these activities:



1) Make paper snowflakes. Think about all the different ways you can cut your paper & how no two snowflakes are alike.

2) Make observations (of real snowflakes or watch video/look at pictures of real snowflakes)



3) Brainstorm descriptive words for SNOWFLAKES. (Use the Winter Haiku with Snowflake Theme brainstorm chart to organize your ideas.)



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We're going to think about different words that describe snowflakes. Close your eyes & think about a snowflake or a collection of snowflakes.

Now, grab a pencil to jot down these words. Try to think of at least 5 per words per category.



Noun = person, place, thing, or idea

Adjective = describes a noun

Verb = action word

Adverb = describes a verb



Noun	Adjective
Verb	Adverb

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Think about the structure of a haiku-the number of lines and syllables.



Circle the words in your chart that you'd like to include in your haiku. What words best capture the essence of a snowflake?

How can you move them around to fit the haiku format?



For some hands-on fun, write down each word and its syllable count on separate pieces of small paper to manipulate as you work.



Use the lines below to write your snowflake haiku rough draft.

5

7

5

Edit your rough draft. When you feel ready, select one of the color snowflakes to write your Snowflake Haiku on (front or back). Cut out your Snowflake Haiku and use to decorate. Repeat this process for as many Snowflake Haikus that you'd like to make!





