

## Beautiful Works

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### Some Types of Poetry

**Assignment #1:** Write a poem inspired by a painting.

**Cinquain:** five short, non-rhyming lines:

1. A one-word title
2. Two descriptive words
3. Three action words
4. Four feeling words
5. A word or two that renames title

**Diamante:** seven short, non-rhyming lines:

Noun  
Adjective, Adjective  
Verb, Verb, Verb (-ing)  
Noun, Noun, Noun, Noun  
Verb, Verb, Verb (-ing)  
Adjective, Adjective  
Noun (synonym or antonym)

**Haiku:** Very short, non-rhyming poem with three lines (traditionally of 5, 7, and 5 syllables, but that is optional). Often connects two seemingly unrelated things. Describe something in fewest words to make a strong impression.

**Pile-On Poem:** A longer, non-rhyming poem with short lines. This may be a run-on sentence or a few sentences, but keep each line short.

**Acrostic Poem:** A special word (or words) is formed by the first letter of each line. May rhyme or not.

**Narrative Poem:** A poem that tells a story. Use personification and some alliteration. May rhyme or not.

**Assignment #2:** Describe a painting. (Poem or not)

**Assignment #3:** Write a narrative piece about a painting of your choice. This may be a true experience or fiction. You may weave lyrics into your piece. (Poem or not)

**Assignment #4:**  
Write truism or central message of two or more paintings.

**Assignment #5:** After discussing truisms written about the same painting, write an opinion essay. Introduce your truism (naming the artist and title of artwork); write about truism(s) of other(s); then write support for your truism/opinion *based on the artwork*; finally, write a conclusion for your opinion essay.

**Assignment #6:** Write an essay, story, poem, opinion, or any kind of writing that you choose that is inspired by one piece of art. May include: truism, description, lyrics, simile, alliteration, personification. Essay may use a text structure: When I see... It reminds me of... This makes me feel... Because... OR An insight about life/truism... An illustration from art...An illustration from a book... An illustration from a movie (or history)... I wonder...