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Haiku Starter

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Haiku is a form of Japanese poetry. Typically, haikus are written about nature, but they can be about any topic. Haikus have a very specific syllable structure. The first line of every haiku has 5 syllables, the second line has 7 syllables, and the last line has 5 syllables.

Use the space below to brainstorm, plan, and write your own haiku.

Choose Your Topic:

Brainstorm Words

Brainstorm a list of words about your topic. Next to each word, write the number of syllables in the circle.

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Write Your Draft

Now that you have brainstormed some words about your topic, you can draft your haiku below. You do not have to use only the words from your brainstormed list, but each line will need to form either 5 or 7 syllables. Be creative!

Title: _____

Line 1 (5 syllables)

Line 2 (7 syllables)

Line 3 (5 syllables)
