



143 - Poet Tree

PLT Explore your Environment K-8 Activity Guide

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Vocabulary

syllable - part of a word that is pronounced with one uninterrupted sound. Each syllable contains one sounded vowel.

noun - 1. a word that can serve as the subject or object of a verb. 2. a word that can be used to refer to a person or place or thing.

verb - word that expresses action or a state of being. (Ex.: give, build, run, be, happen, do, have, would, seem)

adjective - word describing noun: a word that describes or qualifies a noun or pronoun. Adjectives are usually placed just before the words they qualify: *shy* child, *blue* notebook, *rotten* apple, *four* horses, *another* table.

participle - a verbal form having some characteristics and functions of both verb and adjective: the present participle ends in -ing (asking) and the past participle most commonly ends in -ed or -en (asked, spoken): participles are used:

- a) in verb phrases (*are asking, was carried*)
- b) as verbs (*seeing the results, he stopped*)
- c) as adjectives (*a laughing boy, the beaten path*)
- d) as nouns, i.e., gerunds (*seeing is believing*)
- e) as adverbs (*raving mad*)
- f) as connectives (*saving those present*)

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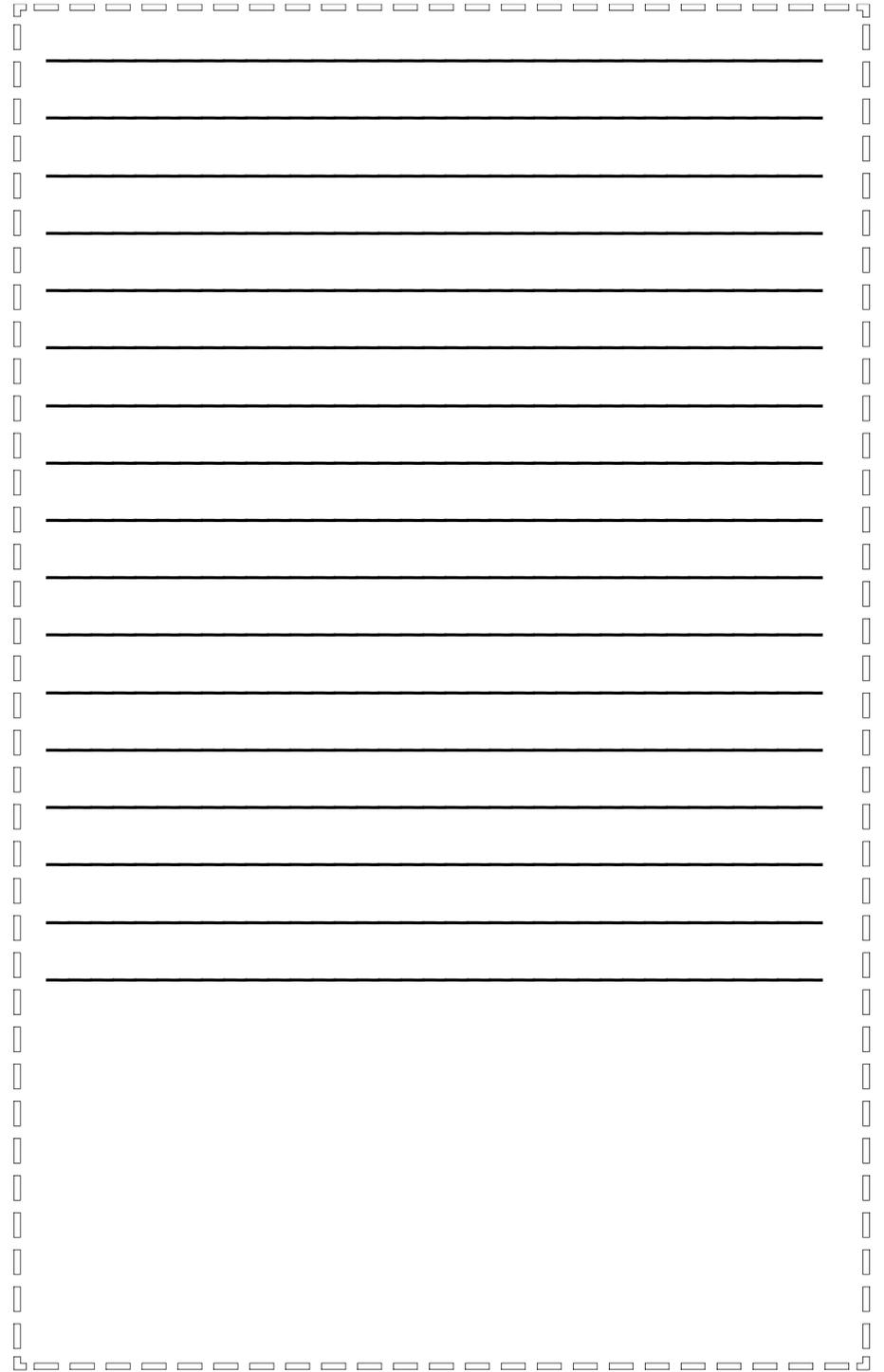
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Free Verse

This type of poetry follow no set formula or style.

EXAMPLE:

I am the tree that overcomes all.
I laugh at the wind.
I am one with the wilderness.

Haiku

Haiku is a Japanese form of poetry that consists of three lines. The third line often contains a surprising or tension element.

EXAMPLE:

Line one: five syllables
Line two: seven syllables
Line three: five syllables

Snails

Makes a slimy path
Sticking on the long thick grass
Hides from predators

By Leslie Heisler

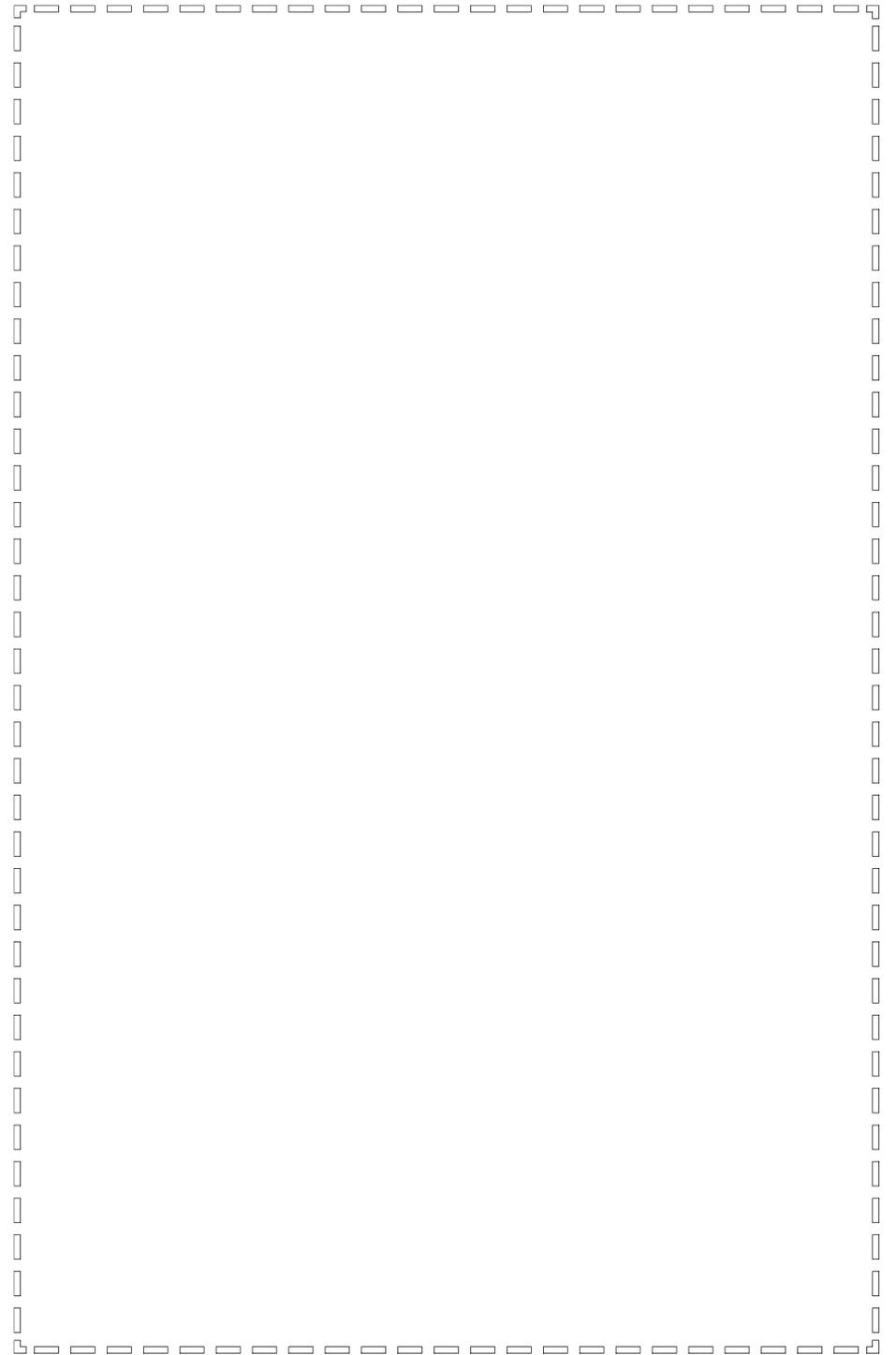
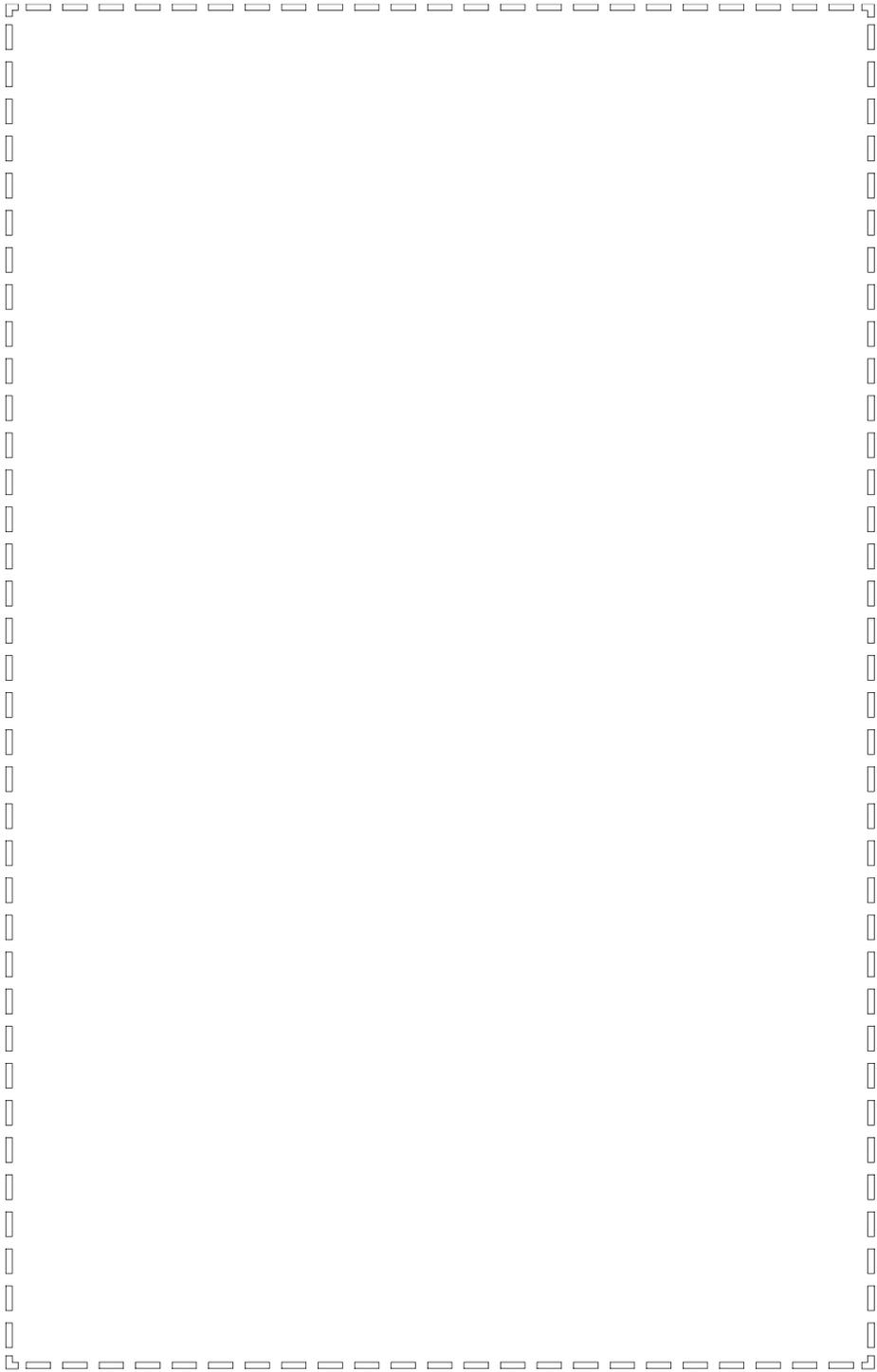
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Windspark

Windspark poems have five lines

Line one: I dreamed

Line two: I was.... (something /someone)

Line three: where

Line four: an action

Line five: how

EXAMPLE:

I dreamed

I was a tree

On a hillside

Playing with the wind

Joyfully.

Cinquain

Cinquain poems consist of five lines; each with a mandatory purpose and number of syllables.

1. The title: two syllables
2. A description of the title in four syllables
3. A description of action in six syllables
4. A description of a feeling, in eight syllables
5. Another word for the title, in two syllables.

EXAMPLE:

Earth Worms

Squiggly squirmers

Aerating our topsoil

Happily helping our garden

Crawlers

By Lee Barnett, Amber Urban, and Margaret Meadows

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Acrostic

Acrostic poetry - The first letter in each line, when read vertically, spells something or conveys some other kind of message.

Line one is the title: two syllables
Line two is a description of the title: four syllables
Lines three describes action: six syllables
Line four describes a feeling: eight syllables
Line five is another word for the title: two syllables.

EXAMPLE:

Towering
Reaching
Extending
Embracing the sky.

Shape Poetry

The arrangement of words in this type of poetry (also called concrete poetry) form a picture of the poem's topic or what is happening in the poem.

EXAMPLE:

branches
shade rubber
fruit clothes
paper wind-barrier fuel
furniture resource nuts
tree-houses maple syrup parks
multiple uses seeds oxygen
lumber habitat energy
building-materials
baseball bats leaves
photosynthesis
roots gum cork
books
paint
cocoa
sponge

Fluxus

This poetry aims to elevate everyday objects and events to the level of fine art. To give it a try, write down nouns, adjectives, verbs, and adverbs on small strips of paper that are related to a chosen poem topic (for this activity, consider nature, trees, or the outdoors). Fold each strip in half, mix them, then randomly pull the strips from a pile and write the words in the order that you chose them, adding punctuation at will.

EXAMPLE:

Green, refreshing, quiet, leaves,
Calmness...chirping...excitement!

Diamante

Diamante poems are diamond-shaped and consist of seven lines that follow this pattern.

noun
adjective adjective
participle participle participle
noun noun noun noun
participle participle participle
adjective adjective
noun

EXAMPLE:

tree
tall, sturdy
standing, towering, observing
branches, trunk anchor, shelter
nurturing, swaying, caring
proud, happy
tree

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Windspark

These poems have five lines with the following pattern:

1. I dreamed
2. I was ...(something or someone
3. where
4. an action
5. how.

EXAMPLE:
I dreamed
I was a tree
On a hillside
Playing with the wind
Joyfully.

Five horizontal lines provided for writing an example poem.