

A Poem for a Poppy or a Story for a Salamander!

Have you ever wanted to write a song for a serpent or a haiku for a hoot owl? Here's your chance to capture the wonders of nature in words. Remember...there is no right way to go about being a nature writer. It's all up to you to decide what you write about and how you write it down. Here are some examples to get you started...some are from famous authors and others were written by Neighborhood Nature Agents just like you!

Let the sounds of nature inspire you.



My Wintertime Vertical Poem

Watching the snowflakes glide down from
the sky

I wonder how many it will take to cover
the yard

Nine hundred or nine million

Tiny little works of art

Each one a unique masterpiece in ice

Riding down on a blustery winter day.



LINES COMPOSED IN A WOOD ON A WINDY DAY

by: Anne Bronte (1820-1849)

My soul is awakened, my spirit is soaring
And carried aloft on the wings of the breeze;
For above and around me the wild wind is roaring,
Arousing to rapture the earth and the seas.

The long withered grass in the sunshine is glancing,
The bare trees are tossing their branches on high;
The dead leaves beneath them are merrily dancing,
The white clouds are scudding across the blue sky.

I wish I could see how the ocean is lashing
The foam of its billows to whirlwinds of spray;
I wish I could see how its proud waves are dashing,
And hear the wild roar of their thunder to-day!

Be Creative!



Capture nature in writing.

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Now it's your turn to capture nature in words!

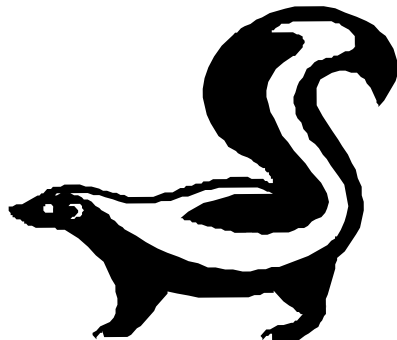
Use the space on this page to get started with your poems about pine trees and your stories about sneaky skunks!

Haiku

Haikus are Japanese poems that only have three lines. The first line has 5 syllables, the second line has 7 syllables and the third line has 5 syllables. Check out the "Haiku for a Hummingbird" on the page above for a sample. Count the syllables in each line of the Hummingbird Haiku...5, 7, 5!

Often, Haiku poems are written in a certain way. The first two lines describe a scene and the third line tells about a surprise or discovery.

Now give your own Haiku a try here!



Story Starter

Sometimes all you need to get a good story going is a story starter! Here are a couple of lines that should get your Neighborhood Nature story off to a great start. Finish it in any way you would like and then share it with a friend.

" I was walking to school for the last time as a 5th grader. It was the last day of the school year and I couldn't wait for summer vacation to start. As I was shuffling along the sidewalk, minding my own business, something caught my attention rustling in the bushes. When I took a closer look...

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