Lesson Plan: Teaching Students to Write Poetry

1. **Objectives**

Students will be able to:

* 1. Analyze the differences between free verse and formal poetry
  2. Choose a theme and a type of poetry for their writing
  3. Identified typesof the poem from the Sample by Teacher
  4. Create their own Short Poem

1. **Materials** 
   1. Example of two types poems that I chose for student to learn (“*Fog*”poem byCarl Sandburg and “*In Memoriam*,” poem by Alfred, Lord Tennyson)
   2. Free verse VS.Formal poetry worksheet
   3. Example of a model poem written by the teacher
   4. Papers
   5. Pencil
2. **Introduction**(15 mins)
   1. (2 minute) Brief introduce what we will learn in this class

*Today, we will be going to learn two types of poetry and choose one of your favorite types to create your own poetry.*

* 1. (3 minutes) Teacher begins the lesson by drawing a T-table to compare differences between free verse and formal poetry, giving examples on each.

*Here, students will be given examples from “*“*Fog” on free verse, and from “In Memoriam” on formal poetry.*

* 1. (5 minutes) Put students in groups of 3 and have them discussdifferences these two types of poetry.
  2. (5 minutes) Having students fill out the Free verse VS. Formal poetry Worksheet.

*Go through the comparison table together.*

1. **Body**(20 minutes)
   1. (5 minutes) Giving students the sample poetry written by the teacher. Havingstudentsread aloud and identifiedpoetry whether is free verse or formal poetry.
   2. (5 minutes) Having students think a them and types of poetry for their own writing.
   3. (10 minutes) Passing out papers and having students to write for 10 minutes. And I will walk around to see if students need some helps.
2. **Conclusion** (10 minutes)
   1. (8 minutes) Together as a class, randomly select five of the poems that have been written and go through each one of them, highlighting the strengths and weaknesses, and what needs to be done to improve them.
   2. (2 minutes) As a homework, having students to write another types poem before the next class. (Which means if you wrote free verse during the class, for homework you need to write formal poem)

Two Types of Poetry Examples

**1. Free Verse Poetry:**

***Fog*(**by Carl Sandburg)

The fog comes

on little cat feet.

It sits looking

over harbor and city

on silent haunches

and then moves on.

(<https://examples.yourdictionary.com/examples-of-free-verse-poems.html>)

**2. Formal Poetry:**

***In Memoriam*** (by Alfred, Lord Tennyson)

Ring out the old, ring in the new,

Ring, happy bells, across the snow:

The year is going, let him go;

Ring out the false, ring in the true.

(https://poetryteatime.com/blog/learn-about-formal-versus-free-verse-poetry)

Name:

Free Verse VS. Formal Poetry Worksheet

Direction: according to the two types of poetries, please write down serval differences in the box.

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| --- | --- |
| Free verse | Formal poetry |
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Name:

Types: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_