



Cinquain Poem Inspired by Nature

In this writing prompt, you'll be creating a simple but expressive poem called a cinquain [pronounced sin-cane]. The cinquain is a non-rhyming five-line poem that focuses on imagery and the natural world.

Write a cinquain about a natural place you have visited: the ocean, water, the forest, your backyard, a neighborhood park, your school playground — even the flowering tree at the end of your block can be inspiring. If your place is nearby, revisit and immerse yourself in the space to help you gather up some good descriptive words.

Here are the rules of a cinquain poem:

- Line 1: One word title, a noun that identifies your topic
- Line 2: Two adjectives that describe your topic
- Line 3: Three “ing” verbs that describe action
- Line 4: A phrase that describes something about your topic
- Line 5: A noun that is a synonym or another way to name your topic

Example:

tree

white, tall

reaching, bending, fluttering

leaves and twigs in the wind

aspen