

Writing Cinquains

A cinquain is a five line poem that was invented in the 1900s by American poet Adelaide Crapsey. Traditional cinquains use a five line format that is based on a syllable count. The modern cinquain also uses a five line format, but instead of counting syllables the modern cinquain uses a word count format, each line must contain a certain number of words. See the correct layout below:

line 1 - one word (noun) a title or subject

line 2 - two words (adjectives) describing the title

line 3 - three words (verbs) describing an action related to the title

line 4 - four word phrase that relates to the title of the poem

line 5 - one word (noun) that can be a synonym for the title, or relate to the title

EXAMPLE:

Spring
Green, bright
Budding, rising, growing
Shaking off winter's chill
Bloom



Now it's your turn!

Write your own cinquain using the space provided below:

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(one noun)

.....
(two adjectives)

.....
(three verbs)

.....
(four word phrase)

.....
(one noun)