

LESSON PLAN

AT-HOME POETRY & ART PROJECT: Baseball Cinquain **INSTRUCTIONS**

MATERIALS NEEDED FROM HOME:

- Pencil
- Practice paper
- Square piece of paper at least 8x8 inches
- Coloring materials of your choice

ART PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Create home run poetry and a grand slam work of art! Have fun writing a baseball inspired cinquain and artwork both in the shape of a diamond.

PROMPT QUESTIONS:

- Think about a time you played or watched a baseball game for inspiration for this project. What made it fun or exciting?
- Can you describe what the action was like?
- Do you have a favorite position to play?
- Do you have a favorite team or player?
- What do you remember about the setting?

ART MAKING PROCESS:

STEP 1:

- Brainstorm a list of words that describe the baseball. Once you begin your brainstorm you might start to get excited about one set of words such as homerun and grand slam or pitcher and champion which can become the theme of your poem.

STEP 2:

- Using your list of words and your practice paper write a first draft of your baseball cinquain. Just like the shape of a baseball diamond a cinquain is written in the shape of a diamond. Just like there are rules in baseball, there are rules for writing a cinquain. A cinquain has five lines. The first line is only one word and needs to be a noun, think of it as the title of the poem. The second is made up of two adjectives creating a description of your first line. The third is three verbs, consider choosing verbs that end in -ing. The fourth line is a four-word thought. The fifth line is a synonym for the noun in the first line.

STEP 3:

- Read your poem out loud and see if you want to make any changes. Set it aside for the time being.

STEP 4:

- Now, take the square paper and turn it to look like a diamond and begin to illustrate your poem. Maybe you even want to draw the image from the point of view of the batter or the pitcher if you wrote about one of them in the poem.
- Remember if you don't have any colors it's okay to use only a pencil to create the drawing. A pencil drawing will create something that in art is called monochromatic.

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STEP 4:

- Next, fold your paper like a pop-up and rewrite your poem. Here's how, fold the diamond shape in half to create a triangle and make a crisp crease.
- Next, turn your paper back to look like a square and fold it in half in both directions and make crisp creases. Your paper should end with a t-shaped crease and a diagonal shaped crease.
- Finally, push along the two diagonal creases and your paper will compact into a diamond shape.

STEP 5:

- Rewrite a final draft of your poem onto the top diamond.

STEP 6:

- Have FUN and be CREATIVE! Remember there is no wrong in art because it comes from you and you are special just the way you are!
- Don't forget to sign and date your finished artwork.