

LESSON PLAN

AT-HOME POETRY & ART PROJECT: Ocean Haiku

INSTRUCTIONS

MATERIALS NEEDED FROM HOME:

- Practice paper (a few pieces)
- Pencil
- Long Rectangle cut or folded Paper
- Coloring materials of your choice; colored pencils, watercolors, colored markers, crayons etc.

ART PROJECT DESCRIPTION: A Haiku is a form of traditional Japanese poetry consisting of three lines inspired by nature. Do you like to spend time at the beach? Do you like to swim in the ocean? What do you think makes the beach a special place? In this project you will write and illustrate a Haiku specifically about the ocean.

PROMPT QUESTIONS:

- Think about a time when you were at the beach and looked out at the ocean.
 - What did you hear? Taste? Smell? Feel?
 - Describe what you saw when you were there?
- If you haven't spent time at the beach lately use a picture or imagine of the beach and try to answer the questions above.

ART MAKING PROCESS:

Step 1:

- Brainstorm a list of words that describe the ocean. Write them on one of your practice sheets with your pencil.

Step 2:

- Using your list of words and another piece of practice paper, write a first draft of your Ocean Haiku. Remember, in a Haiku Poem:
 - the first line must have five syllables
 - the second line has seven syllables
 - and the third line has five syllables again
- Read your poem out loud and see if you want to make any changes.

Step 3:

- Once you have your haiku the way you like it, take your long rectangle paper and turn it either vertically (portrait style) or horizontally (landscape style) and rewrite your Haiku Poem on *one half* of your long piece of paper.

Step 4:

- On the other half of the paper create an artwork that illustrates your poem.
- For example: If your poem is about rhythm and the sounds of the waves, create horizontal bands of blue showing the size and shape of the waves.

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- If you don't have any colors to use right now it's okay to use just a pencil to create your drawing. The pencil drawing will create something that in art we call monochromatic.

Step 5:

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

ART PROJECT EXAMPLE:

