

LESSON PLAN

AT-HOME POETRY PROJECT: Acrostic Poem Lesson

INSTRUCTIONS

NEEDED FROM HOME:

- Pencil or Pen
- Blank Piece of Paper (any size/any light color/lined/unlined)

POETRY PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Participants will choose a word (inspiring or powerful word, can use your first or last name, favorite fun word) and write an acrostic poem.

Acrostic Poems are a type of **poetry** where the first, last or other letters in a line spell out a particular word or phrase. The most common and simple form of an **acrostic poem** is where the first letters of each line spell out the word or phrase. Additional words are then added that “branch” off of the original word.

Example:

Sunny days

Plants awakening

Raindrops on the roof

Interesting clouds

New flowers

Gray skies

(More examples can be found at: <https://examples.yourdictionary.com/acrostic-poem-examples.html>)

PROMPT QUESTIONS:

- What words can you choose as your main word, and how can your additional words support or explain or relate to your main word? How can you tell a story in words? How can you express feelings in words?
- How can you challenge yourself while writing acrostic poems? Can you use the last letters of your main word to branch off from? Can you pick letters within your main word?

POETRY WRITING PROCESS:

Step 1:

- Choose a word as your main word.

Step 2:

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- Think about what this word means to you. Think about characteristics this word brings up in your mind. These ideas can inspire the additional words you will be using.

Step 3:

- Write your main word across the top of your paper horizontally or down the length of your paper vertically.

Step 4:

- Start to write your additional words branching off of your main word.

Step 5:

- When you are finished writing the additional words, you are finished with your acrostic poem.

POST PROMPT QUESTIONS:

- How did really thinking about your main word inspire the additional words you chose?
- Was it harder to think of words for some of the letters? Did that challenge you to think deeper about what you were writing?
- Once your acrostic poem was finished did you see how the additional words connected to the main word? Were you inspired to write more acrostic poems?

EXTRA FUN:

- After you finish writing your poem, you can use artistic elements to express even more about your poem. You can choose to do illustrative lettering or even do a drawing that reinforces your main word.
- If you have any other colored markers, pencils, or crayons, you can add color to your poetry.

EXAMPLES:

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