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GRAB N' GO ACTIVITY:

Haiku Poem

OVERVIEW:

“Haiku” is a traditional form of Japanese poetry. Haiku poems consist of 3 lines. The first line has 5 syllables, second line has 7 syllables, and the last has 5.

MATERIALS:

- Haiku Worksheets
- Pencil
- Eraser

EXAMPLE:

Green and speckled legs,
Hop on logs and lily pads,
Splash in cool water.



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Ages: 10 - 13

Time: 20 - 40 minutes

PROCEDURE:

Step 1. Hand out the Haiku work sheets that are attached.

Step 2. Go through the first one with the class so they know what to do.

Step 3. Have the children do the last worksheet on their own. This is where they will write their own Haiku Poems.

Step 4. Get the children to read out loud their Haiku poems.

Step 5. For extra fun, have the rest of the class guess what each Haiku is about as they are being read! See how many people get it right.



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A LITTLE INFORMATION:

Since the Haiku poet only has 3 lines to work with, Haiku poems are usually written about one simple thing. An animal, a season of the year, a raindrop or a snowflake are all examples of things you might write a Haiku about. Check out the example below:

Penguins eat fresh fish
They live in the cool water --
To catch the fishes.

YOUR TURN:

Time to write your own Haiku! Remember, top line has 5 syllables, middle has 7 syllables, and the bottom has 5 syllables! Write about your favourite animal, or season.

What is the Haiku poem describing?
