

# DIY ART-MAKING: CINQUAIN POEMS

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Masks and other visual arts can be used for inspiration in writing, dancing, and acting. Let the masks at the Rubin Museum jumpstart the creative writing process or be inspired by Halloween costumes to write funny, spooky or serious poems.

Example:

**Buck**  
Rounded Red  
Runs the fields  
Happy as a cloud  
Deer

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## WRITE A CINQUAIN POEM

Choose a work of art to write an inspired cinquain poem. Cinquain refers to a poetry style that uses 5 lines.

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## MATERIALS

- Photograph of a work of art, costume, etc. (Visit [RubinMuseum.org/Collection](http://RubinMuseum.org/Collection) for ideas)
- Paper
- Writing Utensil

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## INSTRUCTIONS

Line 1

Choose **1 word** for your **Title** that is a **noun**

Line 2

Choose **2 words** as a **description**.

Line 3

Choose **3 words** and create a **phrase** for an **action**.

Line 4

Choose **4 words** and create a **phrase** for a **feeling**.

Line 5

Choose **1 word** that is a **synonym** for the **Title** in Line 1.

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