

POETRY PREP



Even great writers need to brush up on the basics. Before you begin crafting your poetic masterpiece, review the terms below and match them to their meanings. Draw a straight line from each word to its corresponding definition, once you've identified the correct match.

Verse

A short poem that expresses personal feelings

Couplet

A line of poetry; a stanza

Rhyme

A source of inspiration

Synonym

A pen name; a fictitious name adopted by an author

Nom de plume

Two lines of poetry that follow in order and form a unit

Bard

A collection of literary works

Muse

A word having the same or almost the same meaning as another word

Ode

Close similarity in the final sounds of two or more words or lines of poetry

Anthology

A person who writes poetry

Writing Warm-Up

A terrific way to prepare for poetry and prevent writer's block (that's fancy for running out of good ideas) is to do some simple word play as a warm-up activity. Try these exercises the next time you get stuck and need inspiration. Select your favorite describing word and write down all the words that have the same meaning. Then think of all the words that rhyme with your first word (and its synonyms). Repeat with more words, and before you know it you'll be a proficient poet!

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