

Ode to a Tree

Directions: Hug a tree – poetically – with your very own cinquain or descriptive writing poem about trees. Pick a favorite tree to describe, or write about the way a tree makes you feel when you see it blowing in the breeze or bending low after a storm. You can even use an image from a book like *The Great Kapok Tree* by Lynne Cherry (Voyager Books, 2000) to write about the living things that depend upon your tree. For more on cinquain poems, visit www.readwritethink.org and type “cinquain” in the search box.

Tree name (or setting, ie., nature walk, storm): _____

Descriptive words: _____

Action words: _____

Nouns – synonyms: _____



_____ **One-word title** _____

_____ **Two words that describe** _____

_____ **Three -ing words showing action** _____

_____ **A descriptive phrase** _____

_____ **Synonym of title** _____



Publish your Poem

1. To publish to an ebook or PowerPoint presentation for parent conferences, photograph artwork using a digital camera and insert the photos as slide backgrounds. You can then add transitions, special effects and audio narration by student authors.

2. To publish using word processing, students can type their poems and illustrate with a watermark of their artwork. For a “How To...” column on Watermarks or WordArt, visit www.TeachingK-8.com/archives/how_to/how_tobuild_a_tech_tip_library.html or www.TeachingK-8.com/archives/how_to/how_toget_creative_with_wordart.html

