

Haiku Worksheet

In today's class, you will accomplish three things:

1. Through reflective writing, you will discover one every day, ordinary happy moment that you experience throughout the course of the day.
2. You will craft a haiku that will illuminate the beauty of that moment.
3. You will brainstorm different types of images that reflect that moment.

Step One: Brainstorm Your Moment

In an attempt to discover your happy moment, answer the following questions.

- After you wake up in the morning, what makes you smile?
- What is your favorite part of the day?
- What is your favorite part of the school day?
- When you have a hard day, what gets you through it?
- What are you thankful for when you go to sleep at night?

Step Two: Visualize Your Moment

Brainstorm images that go with your happy moment. What would be the best visual representation?

I love a fresh cup of sharpened pencils. Here's a sample image to go with my moment:



Make your list here:

Step Three: Haiku Your Moment

Take your moment and craft a haiku that illuminates what makes this moment so special for you. Here are the requirements:

- Three lines
- Five-seven-five syllable format
- Images together form your individual moment of beauty

Example: As a teacher, I love a cup of sharp pencils. This is my haiku.

A cup of pencils
Each one sharper than the next
New ideas unformed

Next, you will manipulate your image (either from your own camera or a Creative Commons image) by adding the text of your haiku to your image.

Step One: Manipulate Your Image

