

African Animal Poetry

Choose an African animal. Imagine your animal in its natural environment. Think about how it lives, how it looks, and what it eats. Then try your hand at writing a poem.

Haiku

Originating in Japan, haiku consists of three lines of five, seven, and five syllables each. The lines do not have to rhyme. For example:



Black and white zebra
Running over savannah
Stops to eat green grass.

Compose your own haiku on the lines below.

_____ (five syllables)

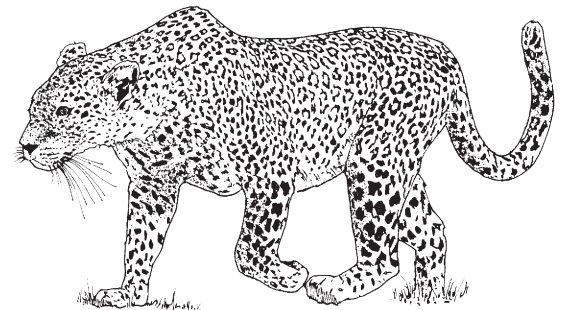
_____ (seven syllables)

_____ (five syllables)

Cinquain

Cinquain derives from the Spanish word for five. A cinquain uses a defined number of words on each line. For example:

Leopard
Spotted and sly
Stalking wary antelope
So quick and powerful
Predator



Write your own cinquain on the lines below:

_____ (one word -- an animal)

_____ (two words that describe it)

_____ (three words expressing action)

_____ (four words telling what you feel about it)

_____ (sum up with one word)

