

# Choice Board: Poetry Quick Writes

<p><b>1</b> Listen to the sounds in your everyday world: TV, music, cars, dishwasher, alarms, etc. Tap out the rhythm of the sounds and think about how you would write about the sound. If you wrote it into a poem, what would repeat?</p>	<p><b>2</b> Find or think about an object (a piece of fruit, a car, a toy, etc.). Write a poem describing the object and then arrange the words into the shape of the object. This is a <b>concrete poem</b>.</p>	<p><b>3</b> Make a list of questions you have about the world. Can you choose one question to write a poem about or use your list of questions to create a poem?</p>
<p><b>2</b> Take a found document (newspaper, magazine, junk mail), and cross out a majority of the text with a black marker, leaving visible only the words that you want to use to create your own new poem. This is called <b>blackout poetry</b>.</p>	<p><b>5</b> Write a poem FOR someone. Describe the person. Tell the person why you are grateful for them. What makes this person special to you? Share your poem with your special person.</p>	<p><b>6</b> Find something with words on it (food wrapper, sign, newspaper article, a piece of mail) and look for some words that could begin a poem. Can you add some words of your own? Feel the rhythm of the words. What could you write next to keep that going?</p>
<p><b>7</b> Think about an ordinary moment (waking up, going to bed, playing a game, reading) and write a short poem about it. Choose your words carefully to create a clear image and play with your word choices.</p>	<p><b>8</b> Go on a poetry hunt. Look online, in books, anywhere, for a poem. What does this poem make you think of? Use this poem to spark your own thinking and write your own on the same topic.</p>	<p><b>9</b> Listen to some music and write down the images it brings to your mind. Turn your notes into a poem that describes the music.</p>

