

Workshop 2: When Disaster Strikes**Reading 3 Project: Hurricanes: The Monster Storms**
Hurricane Haiku

Strong winds! Heavy rains! Huge floods! Don't you think the biggest, meanest storms on earth deserve a little . . . poetry?

Project: Write a haiku about hurricanes.

Procedure**1. Learn about haiku.**

A haiku is a three-line poem. The first line has five syllables, the second line has seven syllables, and the third line has five syllables. Count the syllables in the haiku below:

A storm can be big
It can also be scary
And beautiful, too

2. Decide what you'd like to say in your poem.

Think about hurricanes before you start to write your poem.

- How do you feel about hurricanes? Do they scare you? Do they thrill you?
- Are hurricanes big? Loud? Do they last a long a time?
- What do they sound like? What do they look like?

The word “hurricane” has three syllables. Since a haiku is so short, you might want to use the one-syllable word “storm” instead. Or maybe you don't want to use either of those words in your haiku.

3. Write and revise.

Write a draft of your haiku. Does it say what you want it to say? Are there any words you'd like to change?

4. Present.

Post your haiku on the wall so others can read it. Read everyone else's haikus. How are they alike? How are they different?