

NATURE HAIKU

SUBJECT: Your Neighborhood

MPM invites you to write a haiku poem about the nature that exists just outside your doorstep. Follow the steps below and put your creative skills to the test!

What is haiku?

A haiku is a Japanese three-lined, unrhyming poem that has 17 syllables — five syllables for the first and last lines, and seven syllables for the middle line.

Step 1: Find a comfortable place to sit next to an opened window, on your porch, or your backyard.

Step 2: Observe for 10 minutes. Pay attention to the sun; do you feel the sun shining? How about the trees, are they swaying in the wind? What are the birds doing — are they singing or finding some seeds in a feeder? Use all your senses and you will start to notice the nature that is always surrounding you.

Record your observations below:

Step 3: Write your haiku, using your observations and the template. Don't forget to title it!

| Sample Haiku | Your Haiku |
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| <p>“A Spring Day”</p> <p>I sit on the porch</p> <p>Feeling the sun on my face</p> <p>Birds sing in the tree</p> | <hr/> <p><i>Title</i></p> <hr/> <p><i>5 syllables</i></p> <hr/> <p><i>7 syllables</i></p> <hr/> <p><i>5 syllables</i></p> |