

# Learn Together: Creative Writing Resources

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## Resources used in each workshop

### Workshop 1

Early bird activity: [Poetry matching game in Quizlet](#)  
[Why poetry?](#)

#### **Billy Collins**

- [Teaches Reading and Writing Poetry](#)

Billy Collins poems animated (videos)

- [Billy Collins keeping an eye on mice](#)
- [Billy Collins keeping an eye on dogs](#)
- [Budapest](#)
- [Now and Then](#)
- [The Best Cigarette](#)
- [Hunger](#)
- [Walking Across the Atlantic](#)
- [Forgetfulness](#)
- [The Dead](#)
- [Some Days](#)

[The elements of a poem | Reading | Khan Academy](#)  
[What makes a poem ... a poem?](#)

**This is just to say** by William Carlos Williams

- [Read the poem](#)

Listen to different people read the poem

- [William Carlos Williams](#)
- [Matthew Macfadyen](#)
- [Adam Driver](#)
- [Helena Bonham Carter](#)

[A description of rhythm and metre in poetry](#)  
[Line Break Explorer](#) at [Read Write Think Interactives](#)

## **Letter poems**

A lesson plan

- [Letter Poems Deliver: Experimenting with Line Breaks in Poetry Writing \(Poetry In Voice\)](#)

A writing prompt

- [Write a “letter” poem \(Poetry In Voice\)](#)

Activities

- [Read Write Think Interactives Letter Poem Creator](#)
- [\(the sample poem may be more suited to younger people\)](#)
- [Read Write Think Interactives Line Break Explorer](#)
- [Read Write Think Letter Generator \(start by writing a letter\)](#)

## **Found poems**

A lesson plan

- [How to Write Found Poetry \(Creative Writing Now\)](#)

A video workshop

- [How to Write Found Poetry \(36-minute workshop from I Am Loud Productions\)](#)  
Complex grammar and vocabulary but great background for teachers.

## **Blackout poetry**

- [What is Blackout Poetry? Examples and Inspiration](#)
- [How to Make Blackout Poetry](#)
- [Blackout poetry – digital literacy in creative ways](#)
- [Erasure Poetry Workshop \(Cut-out, Blackout Poetry\) from I Am Loud Productions](#)
- [10 Blackout Poetry Ideas: How-To Tutorial with Examples](#)
- [Billy Ray Belcourt](#)
- [Blackout poetry in Google Slides](#)
  - [Make a copy](#)

## **Another poetry slides activity**

- [View Pictures and Words activity](#)
- [Copy Pictures and Words activity](#)
- [See instructions](#)

## **Resource Review**

- [Creative Writing Now](#)
- [Poetry in Voice Lesson Plans](#)
- [5 Creative Digital Poetry Activities](#)
- [I Am Loud Workshops](#)
- [I Am Loud Productions Workshops Play List](#)
- [Poetry templates](#)

- [Read Write Think Interactives \(Read Write Think\)](#)
- [The Westcoast Reader](#)

### Participants shared these resources

[What's going on in this picture?](#) from the New York Times

Intriguing Times images stripped of their captions — and an invitation to students to discuss them live.

[Guy Kelton Jones performs his slam poem titled 'The Riot Wasn't Plan A.' at America's Got Talent](#)

## Workshop 2

Early bird activity: Create tiny poems in the [Wayfinder app from the National Film Board](#).

[Web version English](#)

[Web version French](#)

[Apple App](#) (sorry, no Android app)

### We Real Cool by Gwendolyn Brooks

- [Read the poem and listen to Gwendolyn Brooks read the poem](#)
- [Gwendolyn Brooks talks about how she came to write We Real Cool and reads the poem \(Video with animated version of the poem\)](#)
- [An animated version \(Video\)](#)
- [The Favourite Poem Project: We Real Cool](#)
- [A description of rhythm and metre in poetry \(Creative Writing Now\)](#)
- ['It's Got a Backbeat, You Can't Lose It': The Rhythm of 'We Real Cool'](#)
- [Rhyme Schemes \(Creative Writing Now\)](#)
- [Shared Poetry Reading: Teaching Print Concepts, Rhyme, and Vocabulary](#) (Poetry in Voice)
  - The link to the example poem doesn't work. You can use this activity instead.  
[A Dust of Snow by Robert Frost](#)
- [Golden Shovel](#) poems

### Haiku

A lesson plan

- [Poetry Snapshots: Using Images to Get the Big Idea](#) (Poetry In Voice)

Another lesson plan

- [How to Write a Haiku Poem, with Haiku Examples](#) (Creative Writing Now)

An activity

- [Read Write Think Interactives](#)
  - [A Google Slides version](#) (make a copy)

A haiku template

- [Poetry templates](#)

Some learner examples

- [Haiku Poems](#) (The Westcoast Reader)

[Syllable counter](#)

[How many syllables](#)

[Counting syllable lesson](#) (BBC – a simple counting syllables lesson)

[Syllables lesson plans](#) (LINCS – a more complex and detailed lesson)

Images for inspiration

- [145 Picture Prompts to Inspire Student Writing](#)

More images

- [Unsplash](#)
- [Pixabay](#)
- [The Noun Project](#)
- [Inclusive and Diverse OER Image Repositories](#)

- [Fair Dealing Decision Tool](#)

Helps teachers decide how fair dealing applies to various types of published work

- [Copyright questions and answers for teachers](#)
- [Creative Commons](#)

## **Form Poems**

Acrostic Poems

A lesson plan

- [Building Classroom Community through the Exploration of Acrostic Poetry](#)  
(Poetry in Voice)

An acrostic template:

- [Poetry templates](#)

An activity

- [Read Write Think Interactives](#)

Diamante Poems

A lesson plan

- [Slipping, Sliding, Tumbling: Reinforcing Cause and Effect through Diamante Poems](#)  
(Poetry in Voice)

An activity

- [Read Think Write Interactives](#)

A diamante template

- [Poetry templates](#)

Learner-poet examples

- [Diamond Poems](#) (The Westcoast Reader)

## Workshop 3

Early bird activity: Find the rhyme - [Play Twofer Goofer](#)  
from [Merriam Webster Games and Quizzes](#)

Note: Each game generates an AI image.

[Merriam Webster Rhyme Zone](#)

[Billy Collins's subway poem](#)

[Poetry in motion: "Subway" by Billy Collins](#)

### **Le Dormeur du Val by Arthur Rimbaud**

- [The Favourite Poem Project: Sleeper in the Valley](#)
- [Another translation](#)
- [An animated version in French](#)
- [Yves Montand sings the poem in French](#)

[A description of rhythm and metre in poetry](#)

[A description of rhyme schemes](#)

### **More poems about war**

In Flanders Fields by John McCrae: [Text](#) and [Video](#)

The Long War by Laurie Lee: [Text](#) and [Video](#)

Attack by Siegfried Sassoon: [Text](#) and [Video](#)

[War Poetry Collection](#) at the [Poetry Foundation](#)

[Planting Our Poetry Garden](#) at the [Poetry Foundation](#)

[Teaching Poetry Online](#) at the [Poetry Foundation](#)

[Poetry Unbound](#)

[Poetry Films playlist](#)

[Ten Poems Students Love to Read Out Loud](#) at the [Poetry Foundation](#)

Poems by literacy learners

[I can't read](#) – by Lamont Carey

[The Westcoast Reader](#)

[Diamond Poems](#) (Diamante format)

- [Poetry in Voice lesson plan](#)

- [RWT Interactives](#)
- [Poetry templates](#)

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#### Poems by students (based on The Hill We Climb by Amanda Gorman)

- [Poetry in Voice lesson plan](#)
- [Amanda Gorman reads inauguration poem, 'The Hill We Climb'](#)
- [Amanda Gorman - The Hill We Climb Animation](#)
- [Amanda Gorman on the Two Emotions Behind Every Writer's Block || MasterClass](#)

#### Canadian poets

##### The Poetry Foundation Canada section

##### Canadian Poetry online from the University of Toronto Library

- [Canadian Poets, Contemporary](#)
- [Canadian Poets, 19th Century](#)
- [Representative Poetry Online](#) (an online textbook of poems in the public domain originally published in 1912 and last revised in 1963)

##### Best Canadian Poems (also other nations)

##### 5 Poems to Read on Truth and Reconciliation Day

The [Indigenous Poets, Poetic Resilience](#) and [Tied to the Land](#) lesson plans from Poetry in Voice include lists of poems by indigenous people available to read on their website.

##### A Taste of Canada Poetry in Voice Lesson plan

##### Summer Idioms from The Westcoast Reader

## Resource Review

##### Creative Writing Now

[Creative Writing Now Poetry Prompts](#)

[Creative Writing Now Story Starters](#)

##### Poetry in Voice Lesson Plans

[Poetry in Voice Videos](#)

##### I Am Loud Workshops

[I Am Loud Productions Workshops Play List](#)

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