

Write a Definition Poem  
For Your Mother

Informational Handout

Mother's Day is the perfect time to tell your Mother how you appreciate her. Read about *Definition Poems* and then write one. Use your mother as the topic.

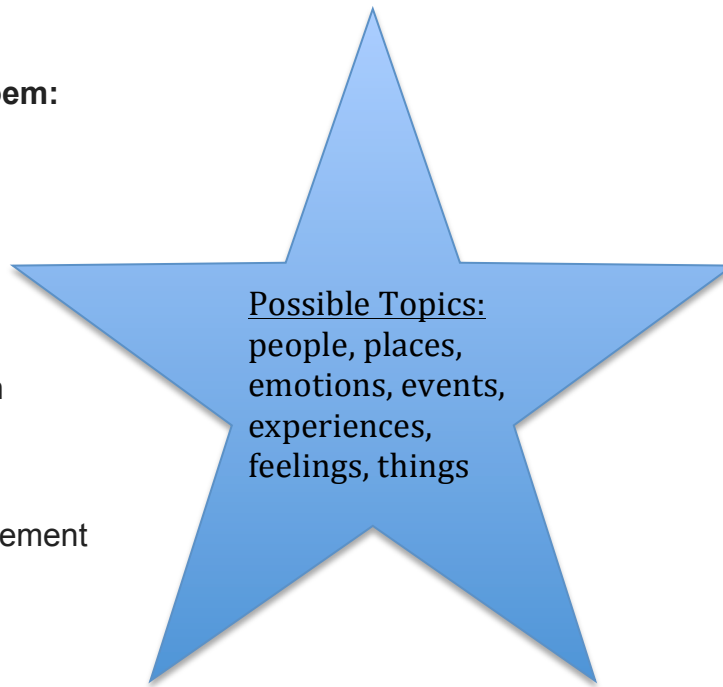
What is a Definition Poem?

**A Definition Poem:**

Starts with a question

Uses phrases with carefully chosen words

Ends with a statement



Read the example below.

The topic of the Definition Poem is *A Friend*. The poem starts with a question and ends with a statement.

What is a Friend?

A companion that's easy to talk to

Someone who understands your silence

A person you can always depend on

A listener who cares about what you have to say

An ally who is happy for your success

Someone who does not compete with you but teams with you

A buddy you enjoy spending time with

Someone who gets your humor

Someone who makes you a better person

That's my Friend!

# Student Worksheet

Now it's time to write your own *Definition Poem*. Follow the list of tips below.

1. Think of a subject that you want to describe.
2. The next step is to think of at least ten colorful phrases. Make sure your word choices create a powerful description of your subject.

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3. Examine your phrases and select six to eight of the best phrases to write your *Definition Poem*. Use the form below for your rough draft.

What's \_\_\_\_\_?

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That's \_\_\_\_\_!

Now write or type it on a plain piece of paper and include an illustration.