

Couplet Poem: Writing Scaffold

Brainstorming:

1. Select a subject for your poem. The subject of my poem will be _____.
2. Brainstorm descriptive words that will provide imagery. Also consider what onomatopoeias could be associated with your subject.

| Descriptive Words (Nouns, Verbs, or Adjectives) | | Onomatopoeias |
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3. Using some words from your chart in #2, write one line about the subject in the rough draft space.
4. Look at the last word in your sentence. Make a list of words that rhyme with the last word in your poem.

5. Write a second line about the subject. Choose one rhyming word from your list in #4 and use it at the end of line two.
6. Write a third line about the subject of your poem. This time your last word needs to have a new ending.
7. Look at the last word in the sentence you just wrote (line three of the poem). Make a list of words that rhyme with that last word in your poem.

8. Write a fourth line about the subject. Choose one rhyming word from your list in #7 and use it at the end of line five.
9. Once your poem is finished, go back and see if you can revise any words to provide more imagery, incorporate synonyms, and add in an onomatopoeia or other language feature. Remember to use the chart you created in step 2 as a resource or word bank as you write the poem.
10. Once you have revised the poem and are happy with it, then you are ready to create a final draft.

Rough Draft:

Final Draft: