

WORLD BOX - 1971 - JAPAN

Theme – For Understanding

Activity – Write a Haiku

What you need

- Scrap Paper
- Paper (for completed Haiku)
- Pens or Pencils

Join in the Jamboree

Haiku is a type of short form poetry originally from Japan.

Traditional Japanese Haiku consist of three phrases that contain:

- A Kireji, or "cutting word" is a pattern of 17 words in a 5, 7, 5 syllable patterns.
- A Kigo, or seasonal reference.

However, modern Haiku vary widely on how closely they follow these traditional elements.

Have a go at writing your own Haiku based on your experiences during lockdown.

Remember:

1. A Haiku is a three-line poem with:
1st line of 5 syllables, 2nd line with 7 syllables, 3rd line with 5 syllables.
2. Traditionally, following the strictest rules, there should also be a reference to a season.
3. You don't have to use traditional grammar or punctuation. So, providing the meaning is clear, you can express yourself any way you wish.

An example could be:

A Scout meeting is fun, when we are playing outside, groups of 15 max.



Reflection:

Why not write a Haiku about what Scouting means to you and use it to send on a postcard to your leaders or friends in Scouting (Guides could do the same).

Remember a Haiku is a "cutting word" so this means the message is very important to you.

Safety Notes:

All activities must be managed safely, and equipment used for the purpose intended.

