



Poetry

ENGLISH KNOWLEDGE ORGANISER



Final written outcome

To write a piece of free verse poetry.

Non-negotiables for this piece of work

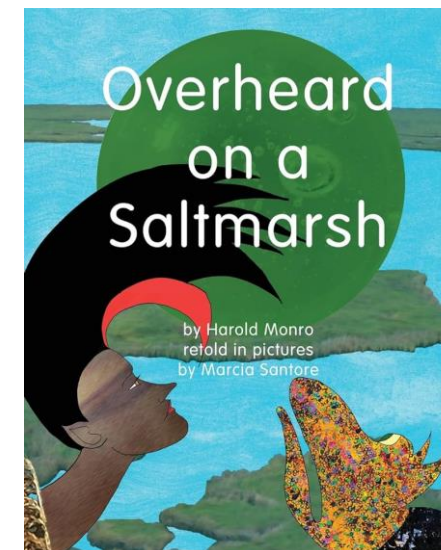
- Writing in stanzas
- Descriptive language
- Creating strong imagery

ESSENTIAL VOCABULARY

Stanza	The name given for a paragraph in poetry.
Rhyme	Words that have the same sound.
Haiku	A Japanese poem that has the structure of 5 syllables, 7 syllables and 5 syllables.
Limerick	A short, rhyming, comedic piece of poetry.
Free verse	No set structure or rhyming scheme

Example of a Haiku

Bees nudged the flowers
 Babies peeped out of the nest
 One fine crisp morning.



Example of a limerick

There once was a man from Peru,
 Who dreamt that he swallowed his shoe.
 He woke up in a fright
 In the mid of the night
 To learn that his dream had come true!

Poetry Toolbox

rhythm Create a fun pattern that makes it easy to remember.	line breaks Write in shorter lines to slow the reader down.
metaphor Tell the reader that something is something else.	simile Tell the reader that something is 'like' or 'as' something else.
imagery Give them help to form a picture in their mind.	personification Give human qualities to something that isn't human.
alliteration Start some words in a line using the same sound or letter.	repetition Repeat a word or phrase.
rhyme Use words with similar sounding final syllables.	onomatopoeia Use words that mimic the sound of the noun or verb they describe.

Rich language for imagery

- Glistening
- Horrifying
- Glimmering
- Beautiful
- Mellow
- Shimmering
- Shining

How Can You Perform Poetry?

When performing poetry, the reader will play with the words. It's fun to experiment with the different words and make the poem come to life:

You may read some words **loudly** in a booming voice.

You could read some words **quietly**, whispering softly.

You may read a poem **quickly**, racing through the words.

You could read the poem **slowly**, taking your time with every word.

What about mixing it up? The poet might perform using all of these styles.



A small dragon

I've found a small dragon in the woodshed.
 Think it must have come from deep inside a forest
 because it's damp and green and leaves
 are still reflecting in its eyes.

I fed it on many things, tried grass,
 the roots of stars, hazel-nut and dandelion,
 but it stared up at me as if to say, I need
 foods you can't provide.

It made a nest among the coal,
 not unlike a bird's but larger,
 it is out of place here
 and is mosttimes silent.