Haikus and Tankas

Day I - identify poetic conventions of a haiku

Day 2 - use poetic conventions of a haiku

Day 3 - identify poetic conventions of a tanka

Day 4 - use poetic conventions of a tanka

Today, we shall look at how to write a tanka (you say it tan-ka!)



Like haikus, tankas originate (come from) Japan.

They are a very old kind of poem; people started writing in the 13th Century (1200s)

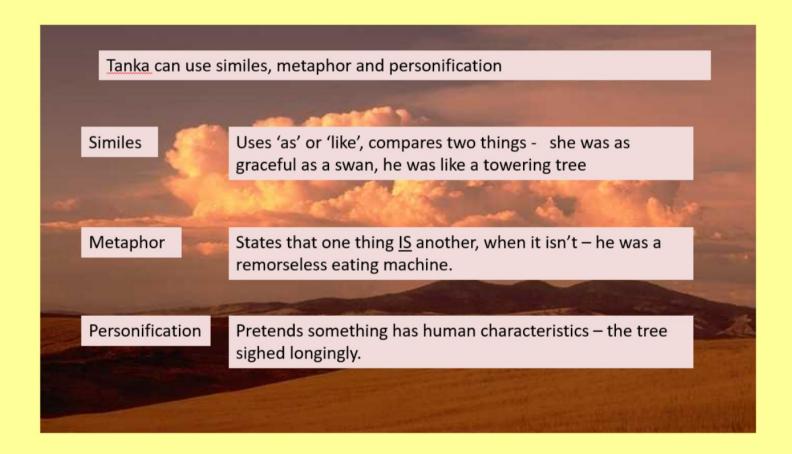
Tankas are 5 lines long. They often tell of deep feelings about nature or love.

This cold winter night
the snow clings to the tree bodghs
in the pale moonlight
the kisses of your soft lips
warm this aching heart of mine



5 lines

31 SYLLABLES



- 1. Read through the tankas.
- 2. Find your favourite.
- 3. Write it out in your book
- 4 Annotate it how many lines?

can you find an example of

This cold winter night

a simile? metaphor? and/or personification?

LINE 1

LINE 2

LINE 3

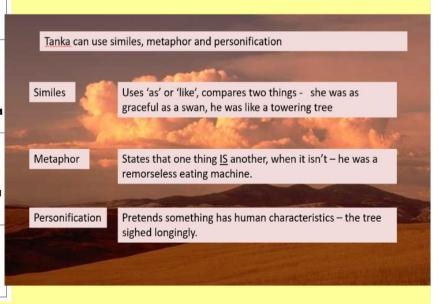
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LINE 5

how many syllables?

5. What's your Seashells on the ground favourite word in the poem?

l	White sand is so beautiful I look at the sea It is so very endless And blue, sparkly, and gorgeous	the snow clings to the tree boughs in the pale moonlight the kisses of your soft lips warm this aching heart of mine
	A party for you A perfect celebration After the big storm Huge, scary, and powerful It was unlike anything	Crash at two A.M. I opened my bedroom door A white car ran by Startled by the clanging fall Of the treat jar's metal lid
	I love my chicken He is so fluffy and white He has a big beak And he is very polite He loves when I pat his back	Snow-covered pine trees Line the frozen pathway home But we turn away The world is a lake of ice And we have one warm hand each
	A pool of sunlight Bathes the stormy evening bay A lonely heron Stands still, a cunning statue Waiting for unwary fish	The light filling the air Is so mild this spring day Only the cherry blossoms Keep falling in haste - Why is that so?



5 SYLLABLES

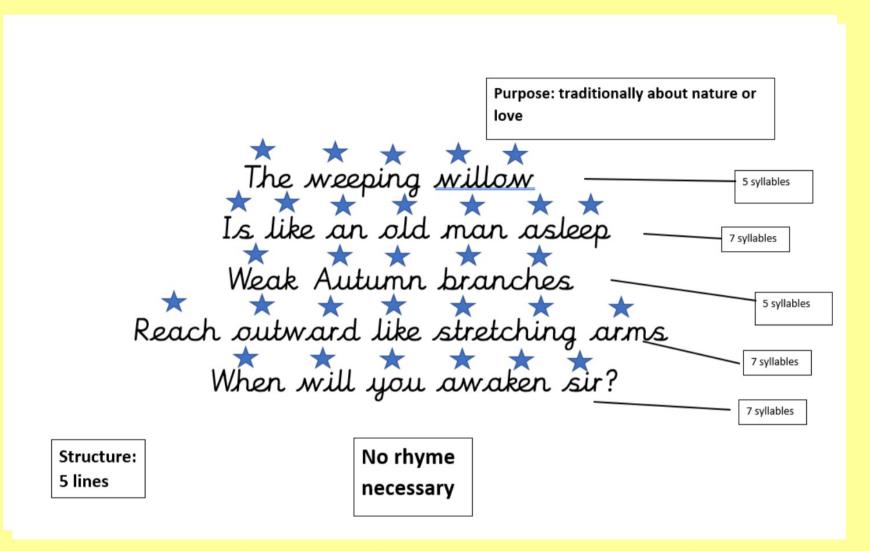
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We must make sure that our poems makes sense, especially because we have a limited amount of words that we can use!

Help me complete these tankas. Fill in the blanks - be aware of the syllables!

Hot my toes squish Sun did shine upon me Red, my skin did get My day at the is done	Answers on the following page.		
, another one			
The is blowing			
blowing winds with and dust			
through the air			
once the wind will start to stop			
and life will	again		

Help me complete these tankas. Fill in the blanks - be aware of the syllables!

Hot sand my toes squish
Sun did shine down upon me
Red, my skin did get
My day at the beach is done
Tomorrow, another one

The wind is blowing blowing winds with leaves and dust flying through the air once the wind will start to stop and life will blossom again