# GRADE middle school writing skills

# POETRY WRITING UNIT

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# A MIDDLE SCHOOL ELA poetry types and poetry writing unit

This engaging unit guides students through essential poetry terms and structures while giving them hands-on practice reading, analyzing, and writing different types of poems. From haikus to narrative poems, students will explore what makes each form unique—and then create original poems of their own. With built-in modeling, clear instruction, and flexible pacing, this unit makes it easy to teach poetic devices and foster creative expression at the same time.

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- 9 step-by-step teacher lesson plans
- 9 step-by-step teacher PDF and Google Slides teaching presentations
- All student reference materials and resources
- Teacher answer keys and examples
- 100% digital student notebook



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## poetry types and poetry writing unit

Tired of surface-level poetry activities or students thinking poetry is just rhyming for fun? This Poetry Writing Mini-Unit introduces real poetic techniques while helping students express themselves creatively and confidently.

#### 🦙 Here's what they'll learn:

• **Poetry Terms + Techniques:** Build foundational understanding of literary devices like figurative language, imagery, rhyme, and structure.

**Poem Types & Purpose:** Learn how different forms of poetry (like haiku, acrostic, narrative, and free verse) work—and why authors choose them.

**Original Poem Writing:** Create six original poems using mentor models, guided lessons, and step-by-step brainstorming and drafting support.

#### Why this works:

This unit makes poetry accessible without watering it down. With nine structured lessons, students build both analytical and creative skills as they study examples and write their own poems in response. It's scaffolded, low-prep, and full of engaging opportunities for students to express themselves—while still hitting the standards.

#### Perfect for:

- Teachers looking to bring structure and creativity together in their writing instruction.
- Classrooms exploring literary devices through authentic, student-written poems.
- Any middle grade ELA teacher needing a flexible, engaging poetry unit that actually builds skills—not just makes pretty hallway displays.



# teachers like you have said... \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \*

"We have just finished this unit and my students and I both LOVED it! Your unit is so well organized and thorough and really helps develop a solid foundation of poetry vocabulary and strategies while exposing them to multiple novels throughout the unit (their own as well as the mentor text in class). I appreciate the models of each skill for students and the building up of difficulty (for example, examining structure early in the novel and building up to comparing structure in multiple poems). It was a fabulous month of instruction and so thorough--while you could certainly add outside resources or activities, none are needed to offer a thorough, challenging, engaging learning **experience!** Thank you!!" -Nancy M.

Best unit ever! I never really loved teaching poetry that much, but this unit changed my mind! I love that you can do a great book club option for poetry in verse and I feel it kept my students engaged and motivated to keep reading because we did the book Crossover. Amazing unit! A must have!" –Brandi G.

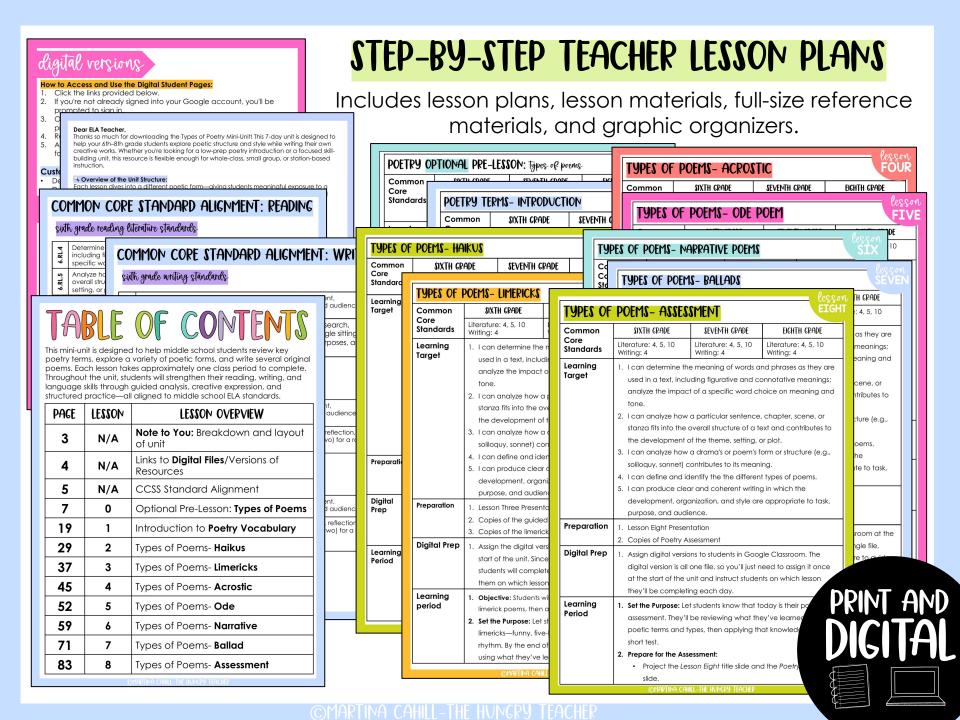


This is an amazing way to get students engaged with poetry and it's super fun too. Not only did my students love it, but it was so fun to teach and work along with them too. This was also amazing because it was so well prepared that I did not have to do much extra work at all! I loved this and will use it again! "—Mallory H.



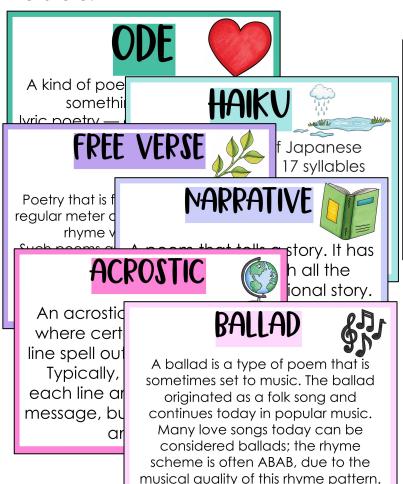
"My students are so much more engaged having the poetry reference book in their hand. I used this as our end of the year poetry review. I will use it during my intro to poetry next school year. The lessons, slides and reference book go together and keep students engaged."

-Chastity G.



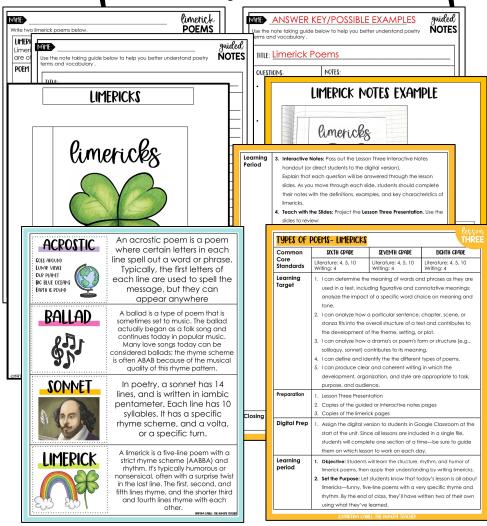
#### LESSON PRESENTATIONS

PDF and Google Slides lesson presentations for every lesson to display for students while taking notes or learning how to annotate literature.





example of lesson plan + resources

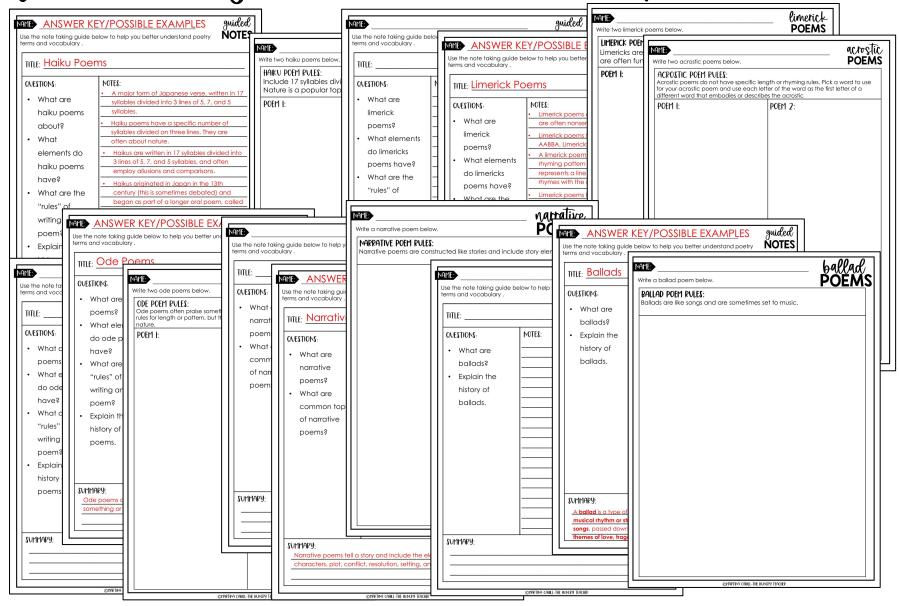


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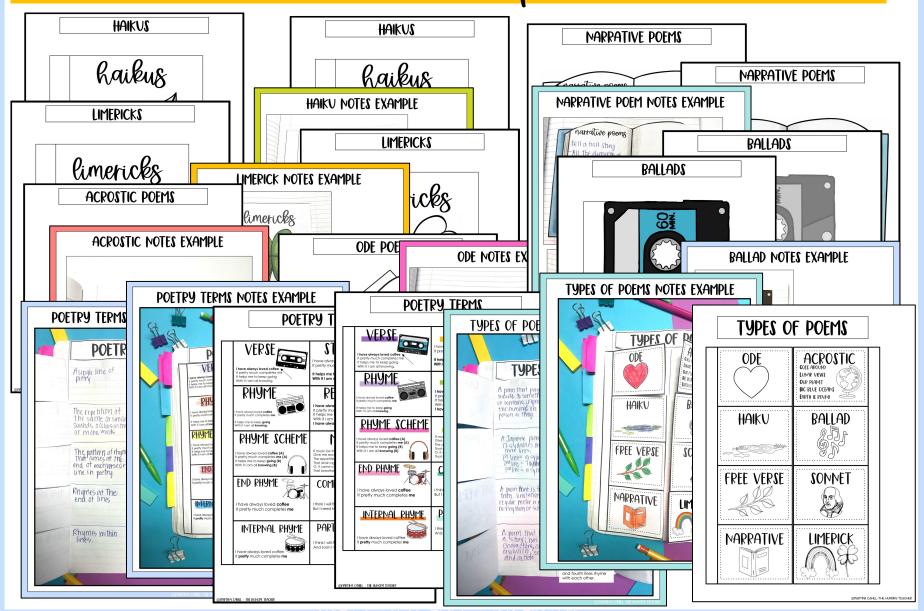
Each lesson plan has a section for the standards, objective, prep, digital prep, a learning period, a writing conference section, and closing. It also includes any student materials.

The lesson's teaching slides have everything you need to teach the lesson: teaching slides, examples, and concept break downs.

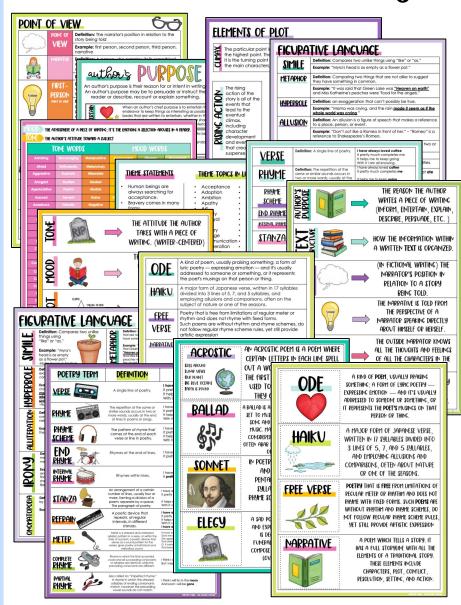
#### quick notes, guided notes, and examples included

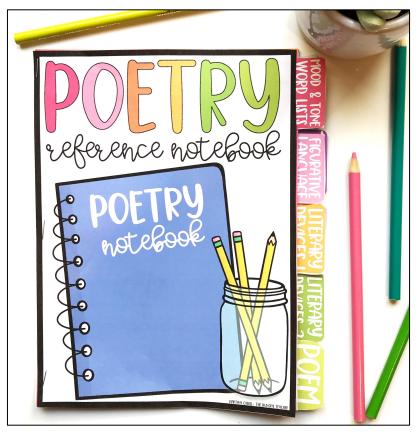


### interactive notes and examples included



## student reference pages and booklet



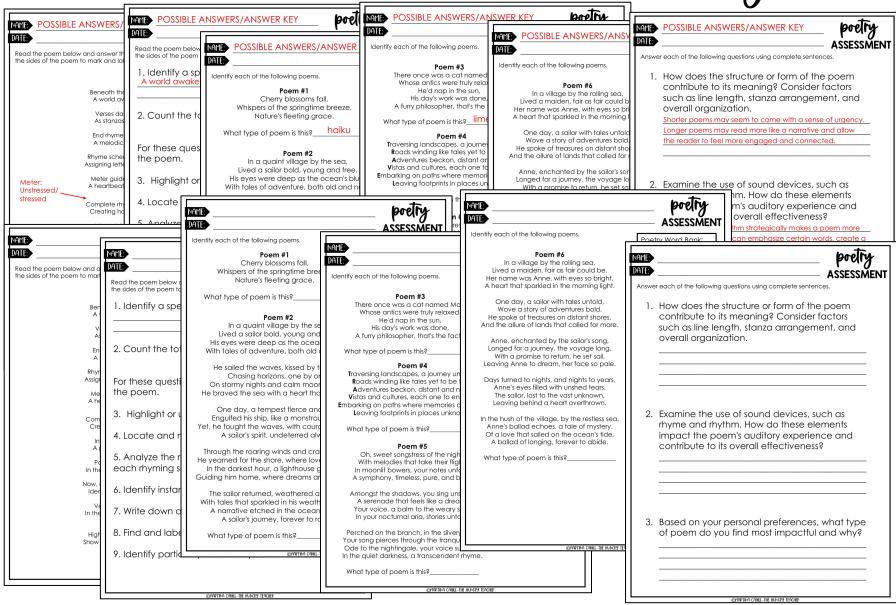


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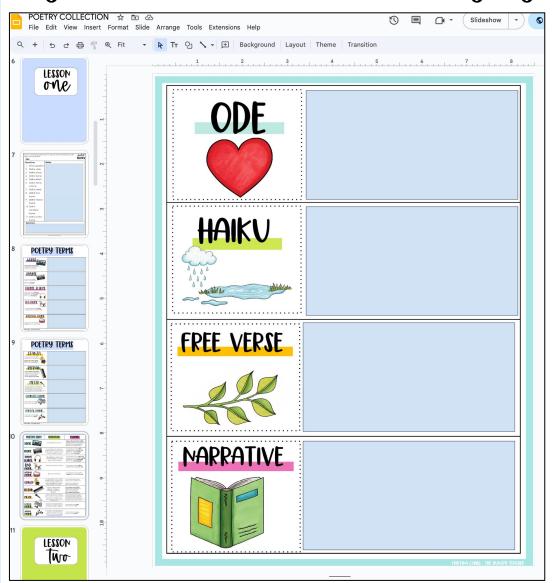
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- 2. Tabbed mini-page in black and white
- 3. Non-tabbed mini-page in full-color
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- 5. Full-page in full-color
- Full-page black and white

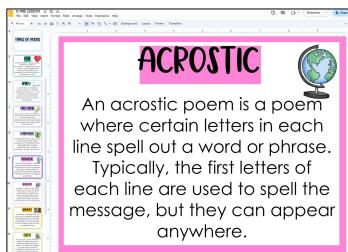
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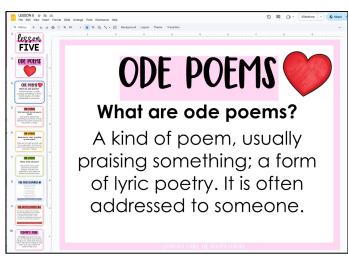
## end of unit assessment and answer keys



#### digital student notebook and google slides included







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