



Autumn Poetry
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Directions

Prewrite:

1. Take a walk and look for signs of autumn. Complete the “Signs of Fall Scavenger Hunt” (see attached handout).
2. Find a quiet place to sit and think. Make a chart in your journal or on a piece of paper like the one below. List what you see, hear, touch, and taste during the autumn season. Try to use sensory words and details.

See	Hear	Feel	Taste

Write two Poems:

Autumn Animal Diamante: You may either write a “Similar Diamante” or an “Opposite Diamante”. A similar diamante focuses on a single subject. See the attached handout with the “Autumn Squirrel” sample, p.3

If you want to try an opposite diamante, shift your topic in the middle of the poem, on line 4. Two of your nouns will focus on the first subject while your second two nouns will focus on your second subject. The rest of the poem will describe the second subject. Line 7 should end with the opposite of line 1.

A Poem of Your Choice: I have included four poetry forms with examples for your reference, p.4. Don’t forget to use figurative language. Here’s a refresher:

Word	Definition	Example
Metaphor:	A figure of speech that describes one thing by comparing it to another seemingly unrelated thing.	
Simile:	A simile is a figure of speech that compares two things using “like” or “as”,	
Personification:	A figure of speech in which an object, idea, or animal is given human qualities, such as emotions, actions, or behaviors.	

Signs of Fall Scavenger Hunt

Find	Notes	Points
How many different leaf colors can you find? (1 point for each color)		
Find the following trees. (1 point for each tree you can identify) <input type="checkbox"/> The tree with the brightest yellow leaves? <input type="checkbox"/> The tree with the deepest red leaves? <input type="checkbox"/> The tree with the darkest green leaves?		
Find a winged seed. (2 points)		
Find an acorn (2 points)		
Do you see any signs of animals? (1 point for each type of animal you can find. Yes, birds count as animals.)		
What other items can you find that signal Autumn? (1 point each) <input type="checkbox"/> Pumpkin <input type="checkbox"/> Apple <input type="checkbox"/> Fruit on the ground <input type="checkbox"/> Chrysanthemum <input type="checkbox"/> Other (you must justify how this fits into the category of autumn.		
Total Points		



Your task – Diamante

Poem:

- Choose an animal in autumn.
- Write a Diamante poem!

Noun
Adjective, Adjective
-ing, -ing, -ing
Noun, Noun, Noun,
Noun
-ing, -ing, -ing
Adjective, Adjective
Noun

Sample:

Autumn Squirrel

Frenzied, insane,
Searching, collecting, gobbling,
Acorns, chestnuts, walnuts, berries,
Gathering, burying, stashing,
Earnest, frantic,
For winter hibernation.



Poetry Forms for Reference

Acrostic:

The first letter in each line, when read vertically, spells out the name of something.

Example: Autumn

Apples of various kinds
Unique colors
Tumbling leaves
Unmistakable beauty
Marveling and thankful
November

Haiku:

A Japanese form of poetry that consists of three lines: the first line has five syllables, the second line has seven, and the third one has five again.

Example: Autumn Leaves

Leaves whisper gently,
Soon they will break free and fly
Drifting to the ground.

Cinquain

These poems consist of five lines, and each line has a mandatory purpose and number of syllables; 1. the title in two syllables, 2. a description of the title in four syllables, 3. a description of action in six syllables, 4. a description of a feeling in eight syllables, and 5. another word for the title in two syllables.

Example: Harvest

Autumn
Cold, Colorful,
Painting in brilliant shades,
Thankful, magical, wonderous
Harvest

Windspark

This poem has five lines with the following pattern: 1. "I dreamed", 2. "I was...", 3. where, 4. an action, and 5. How.

Example: Cloud

I dreamed
I was a white puffy cloud
In a blue autumn sky
Floating above the colorful trees,
Silently.