



Video Haiku

Create a 17-second short film of a haiku poem you have written in the language you are studying.

Name: _____ Date: _____

What is a Video Haiku?

A **Haiku** is a traditional Japanese poem containing 17 syllables, 3 lines, in a 5-7-5 structure.

A **Video Haiku** is a short 17-second film that combines a haiku poem you have written with video and sound.

It follows this structure:

Line 1 · 5 syllables
Video 1 · 5 seconds

Line 2 · 7 syllables
Video 2 · 7 seconds

Line 3 · 5 syllables
Video 3 · 5 seconds

In this video project, you film 3 short videos, write a 3-line haiku poem, and record your voice reading aloud. Then you edit them together into one little film and share it with classmates.

1 Collect Video Clips

Film several short video clips. Videos can be about 10 seconds each so you can trim it later. Try to capture the world around you. Use all your senses as inspiration:

See

Hear

Smell

Taste

Feel

Film Tip: Try close-up shots, slow movements, or different camera angles. Experiment and collect more footage than you think you need!

2 Storyboard your Video and Write your Haiku

Select 3 video clips to use in your haiku. Draw an image of each part below. Then write your haiku lines in the space provided. Your images can contrast with your words — they don't have to illustrate them directly.

①5 SECONDS

sketch your first image here

①5 syllables

Write the first line here

②7 SECONDS

sketch your second image here

②7 syllables

Write the second line here

③5 SECONDS

sketch your third image here

③5 syllables

Write the third line here

3 Edit your Video Haiku

Using your editing app, add your three video clips in order and trim them to 5, 7, and 5, seconds each. Add the haiku text to the video and record your voice reading each line aloud — one line per video clip. Next, add background music or sound to the video. Finally, add the title and add your name at the end!



Add videos in order



Trim videos (5-7-5 seconds)



Add text to each video



Record your voice



Add music and sound



Add title and your name

4 Share and discuss with Classmates

Watch each other's video haiku together. After watching, share your thoughts. You can watch each film twice — once to experience it, and once to watch more closely.

After watching your classmate's video haiku, think about these questions:

- *What do you think the filmmaker is trying to tell you?*
- *What is your impression? What did you feel or notice while watching?*

Write your thoughts after watching below

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