

Writing a diamond poem

Each student will write a diamond poem explaining or describing the topic of a story or theme and the emotions this topic evokes.

Each diamond poem will have one theme at the top of the diamond and its opposite theme at the bottom.

Each diamond poem will be accompanied by two illustrations -- one for each of the two themes.

Each element of the poem is written on a separate line and centered. The elements are:

Title of the poem
 Theme
 Two adjectives related to the theme at the top
 Three gerunds related to the theme at the top
 Two nouns that describe the theme at the top
 Two nouns that describe the opposite theme
 Three gerunds related to the theme at the bottom
 Two adjectives related to the theme at the bottom
 Opposite theme

See next page for a sample diamond poem on the theme of young love.

Rubric

Theme of the story or poem			5	0
Illustration as representative of the theme		10	5	0
2 adjectives that describe theme, correct form		10	5	0
3 gerunds that relate to theme, written correctly	15	10	5	0
2 nouns that relate to the theme, written correctly		10	5	0
2 nouns that relate to antonyms of the nouns above		10	5	0
3 gerunds that relate to opposite theme, written correctly	15	10	5	0
2 adjectives that describe the opposite theme, correct form		10	5	0
Illustration as representative of the opposite theme		10	5	0
Opposite theme			5	0
Total points: ____/100				

Diamond Poem



NEW LOVE

ATTENTIVE CAPTIVATED

FLIRTING

WISHING

DREAMING

SWEETHEARTS

ROMANCE

FOES

CONTEMPT

AVOIDING

DENYING

WITHDRAWING

JADED

TURNED OFF

RUPTURE



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