Color Poetry

Color poems are about a single color, using descriptions, nouns, and other key elements to express feelings about that color. An easy format for this type of poem is describing the color using the five senses: looks, sounds, tastes, feels, smells.

Put It To Use:
Let us use the color format to describe the color green.

Step 1: Think It Through
Brainstorm a list of ideas that remind you of the color green. Consider all five senses.

Brainstorms:

Grass, apples, go (as in a traffic light), jealous, money, trees, earth, peace, frogs, peas, sweet grapes, lime, clovers, lucky, St Patrick’s Day, recycle, green tea, healing, vegetables, fresh

Step 2: Write Your Poem
Start each line with “Green is” and begin describing the color using your ideas for each of the 5 senses.

Green is the color of ripe apples dangling from the trees.
Green is the feeling of gentle winds brushing your cheeks.
Green is the sweet taste of juicy grapes
Green is the smell of wet grass after a rain shower.
Green is the sound of a frog family making plans for dinner.
Green is drifting off to sleep after a long day.
Green is life.
Try Your Hand at Color Poetry

Now it is time for you to give it a shot!

Challenge:
Write a color poem that describes your favorite color.

Step 1: Words to Work With
Think of your favorite color. Consider less commonly used colors as well, such as peach, gold, and maroon.

Color: ________________

Step 2: Brainstorm
Think of at least ten descriptions that relate to your color. Be sure to consider all five senses. Examples are what the color would smell like or what the color would taste like.

Step 3: Write Your Poem
Begin each sentence with the color you’ve chosen. Using your brainstorm ideas, use each line to describe your color through the five senses.