

Theme Poem

What is a Theme Poem?

A theme, or shape, poem is focused on creating a poem based on shapes. As with most modern poems, this type of poetry is not focused on rhyming; rather, it is focused on words and ideas related to the them you choose.

Directions:

1. Find an image or shape that you would like to be your theme for this poem – a heart, book, flower, house, etc.
2. Brainstorm some positive words related to your shape or image.
3. Fill out the Theme Poem Planner on the next sheet using some of the traits you brainstormed!
4. On a separate piece of paper, draw your shape or image. Then, add your words. If you would like to do an online version, please visit ReadWriteThink (Flash player required):
http://www.readwritethink.org/files/resources/interactives/theme_poems/
5. Complete your final draft, and add or draw some pictures about you as described in your Bio Poem!

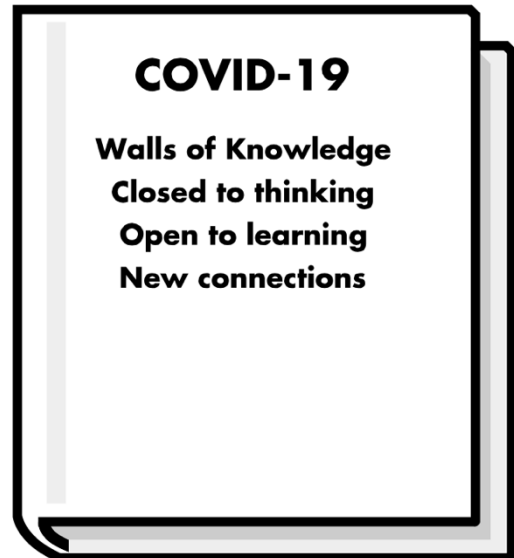
Example

I chose the image of a book. Then I brainstormed words and phrases that I thought about when I saw this image. I thought about what we're all going through; how the schools are closed across America indefinitely; how though we are separate, we are not alone because we're using technology to connect to each other soon.

Remember!

This type of poem **does not have to rhyme!**

Share your final draft on Class Dojo or by email!



Theme Poem Planner

What is shape have you chosen: _____

Why did you choose that shape? What made you choose this over all other shapes or images?

What words or phrases pop into your head when you see this shape?

Now, use some of those words or phrases to begin drafting your Theme Poem:
