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POETRY TYPES: What is Haiku?

Haiku is a form of traditional Japanese poetry. It usually consists of three lines, and it follows a specific syllable pattern. The first line usually has 5 syllables, the second has 7, and the third has 5. This makes 17 total syllables. Haiku poems often do not rhyme.

Directions:

Read this haiku by Matsuo Bashō written in 1686. Draw a picture that represents the haiku. Color your drawing.

The Old Pond

An old silent pond
A frog jumps into the pond —
Splash! Silence again.
