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# Haiku by Masaoka Shiki

**Directions:** A haiku always has 3 lines. 5 syllables in the first line, 7 syllables in the second line, and 5 syllables in the third line. The following poems are written by Masaoka Shiki, a Japanese poet. Read each haiku and answer the questions.

| Haiku #1  | Haiku #2   |
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| <p><b>Toward those short trees<br/>We saw a hawk descending<br/>On a day in spring.</b></p> | <p><b>A lightning flashes:<br/>between the great forest trees<br/>I have seen water.</b></p> |
| <p><b>Draw an image inspired by the haiku.</b></p>  | <p><b>Draw an image inspired by the haiku.</b></p>   |
| <p><b>What do these haikus have in common?</b></p>  |  |