

## Cinquain

Land of Forgotten Sun

Sunbursts

land in flowers,

dazzle dewy blossoms.

Huddled buds open, stretch, gulp rays,

dry out

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### Variation #1

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modeled after haiku and tanka but cinquain have titles.

1. Five-line stanzas
2. Syllable count: 2-4-6-8-2
3. She capitalized the beginning of each line.
4. Often used iamb as dominant metrical foot.

### Variation #2 American Cinquain (Above)

1. Five line stanzas
2. Syllable Count 2-4-6-8-2.
3. Not written in metric feet, just syllable count.
4. Titles and some a complete sentence.
5. Capitalizing each line is not needed.

### Variation #3 Reverse Cinquain

Reverse the five line syllable count to 2-8-6-4-2.

### Variation #4 Mirror Cinquain

1. Syllable count: 2-4-6-8-2
2. Followed by Reverse Cinquain of 2-8-6-4-2

### Variation #5 Butterfly Cinquain

1. Nine-line sequence
2. Syllable Count : 2-4-6-8-2-8-6-4-2

### **Variation # 6 Crown Cinquain**

A sequence of five cinquains.

### **Variation #7 Garland Cinquain**

1. A sequence of six cinquain.
2. The final cinquain is composed of lines from the preceding five cinquains.

### **Variation #8 Didactic Cinquain**

1. Five lines. Often used in elementary schools.
2. Line 1: a title. 1 word  
Line 2: a phrase that describes your title in two words.  
Line 3: a phrase that describes an action relating to the title in three words.  
Line 4 a phrase that describes a feeling related to your topic in four words.  
Line 5: one word that relates back to your title.
3. So the **WORD** count for the five lines is 1-2-3-4-1

### **Variation #9 Cinquain Chain**

1. A cinquain sequence of any length.
2. Centered or not.
3. Numbered or not.

### **Variation #10 Cinquain Centered**

1. Most cinquain were flush left.
2. You could play with centering them on the page.

### **Variation #11 Cinq-cinquain**

1. French for “grouping of five”
2. Five cinquain.- like Crown Cinquain. Maybe try connecting them.

### **Variation #12 Rhymed Cinquain**

1. Rhyme in any scheme you choose.
2. Keep the 2-4-6-8-2 syllable count.