

# Poetry Brainstorming Worksheet

## Grades 9–12

Writing poetry can be an effective practice in creative expression and exploration. A poem can emerge from any number of thoughts and ideas. Perhaps you want to unpack the emotions you have about a particular memory. Or maybe you find that something you observed in nature, like the falling of leaves, is the perfect analogy for a feeling you have and want to explore through metaphor. Once you have found the roots of a poem, it may blossom in many directions. This brainstorming worksheet can help with that development process, providing questions and space to flesh out your ideas!

For further guidance on reading and writing poetry, check out our “Beginner’s Guide to Poetry” for Grades 9–12.

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*Do I want the poem to have a strict structure (e.g., sonnets, haikus)?*

*What ideas and/or feelings would I like to explore?*

*Do I want the poem to include figurative language or literary devices?*

*Do I want the poem to rhyme?*

*What do I want the tone of poem to be?*

*Do I want the poem to have a metrical structure?*

*Who is speaking in the poem? Who are they speaking to?*