Haiku Activity

Part 1

1. The following poems are examples of **haikus.**
2. How many syllables must be in the first line (for the traditional ones)? **5**
3. How many syllables must be in the second line (for the traditional ones? **7**
4. How many syllables must be in the third line (for the traditional ones? **5**
5. While modern poets have changed the format of this kind of poem and use this kind of poem for expressing many themes, originally these poems were about **nature**.

**“The Old Pond” by Matsuo Bashō**

An old silent pond

A frog jumps into the pond—

Splash! Silence again.

**“Lines on a Skull” by Ravi Shankar**

life’s little, our heads

sad. Redeemed and wasting clay

this chance. Be of use.

Part 2

On a separate sheet of plain paper, write your own haiku. The poem should go in the center of the paper with large letters. Give your haiku a title. Put your name and the date at the bottom of the paper (in the front). Do not turn this in via Google Classroom.

Your poem must be handwritten and have at least four pictures. (Yes, you are expected to draw and **color** the pictures.