#### Teacher's Guide - Kids' Free Verse Imagery Kit



This Free Verse Imagery Kit is designed for grades 2–4 (but flexible for K–5) to encourage creativity, emotional expression, and poetic voice using visual cues and writing prompts.

#### What's Included:

- Welcome page
- 5 visual prompts with themes, guiding questions, and word banks Writing + drawing page
- Free Verse poet certificate

Objective: To build confidence in young writers through imagery-rich prompts and free verse structure.

#### **Classroom Use Suggestions:**

- 1. Read the welcome page aloud as an opening activity.
- 2. Select one visual prompt as a class and display it.
- 3. Discuss the guiding question and theme together.
- 4. Allow students to write freely on the lined page or within the visual page.
- 5. Encourage optional drawings or poem illustrations.
- 6. Celebrate creativity by sharing poems aloud or posting them on a poetry wall.
- 7. Finish with the Free Verse Poet certificate and let each student share a favorite line.

#### **Bonus Tips:**

- Model writing your own free verse poem using a visual prompt.
- Emphasize sensory words: what do they see, hear, feel?
- Use prompts during SEL moments or themed weeks (kindness, seasons, emotions).



### Poetry with Your Eyes & Heart

#### Free Verse Imagery



Welcome to your very own Poetry Playground!

This kit is made just for YOU — a young poet with a wild imagination, a big heart, and something to say.

Poems don't have to rhyme. They don't even need to follow rules. In fact, some of the best poems start with a picture, a feeling, or a single word!

In this kit, you'll find colorful images, fun themes, and space to write what YOU see, feel, or imagine. You can even draw your feelings or doodle your own poem pictures!

There's no wrong way to write a poem — just be honest, be curious, and most of all... have fun!

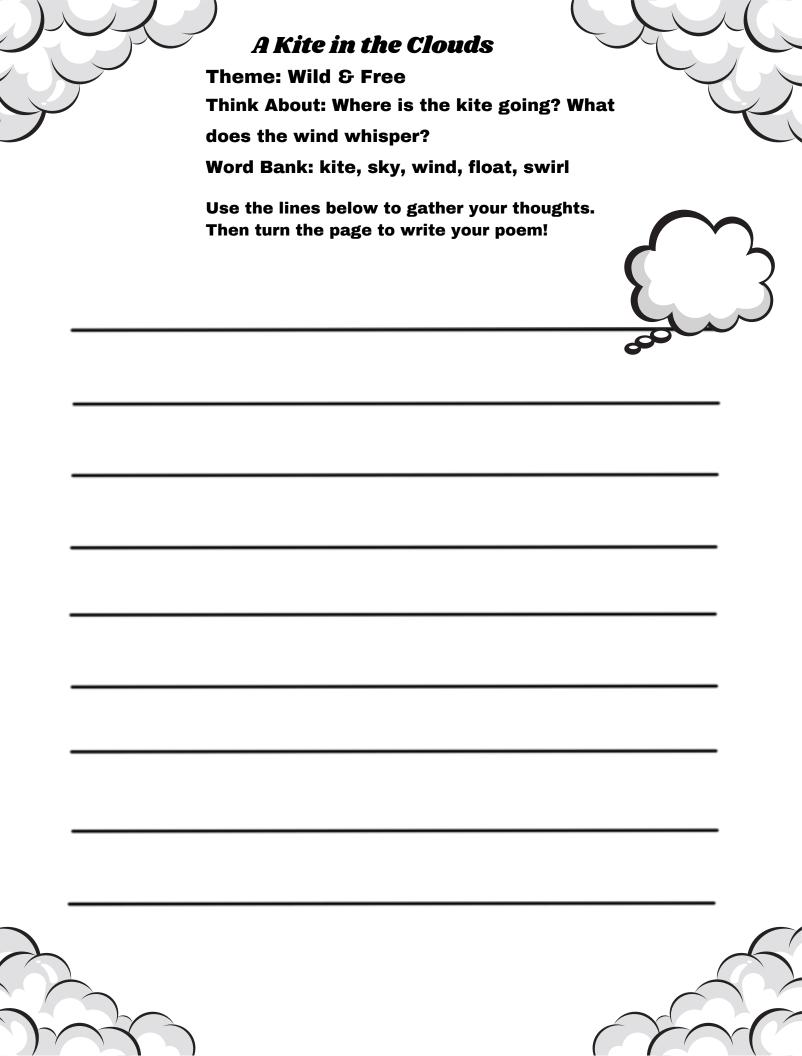
Ready to explore with your eyes and write from your heart?

Let's go!

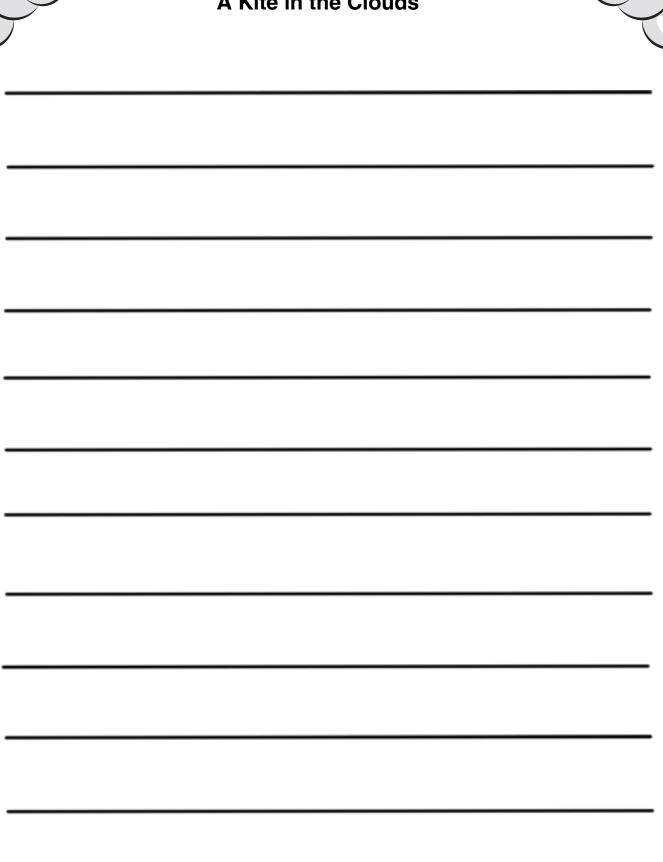


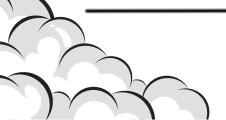
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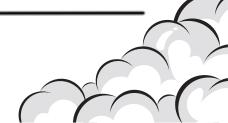




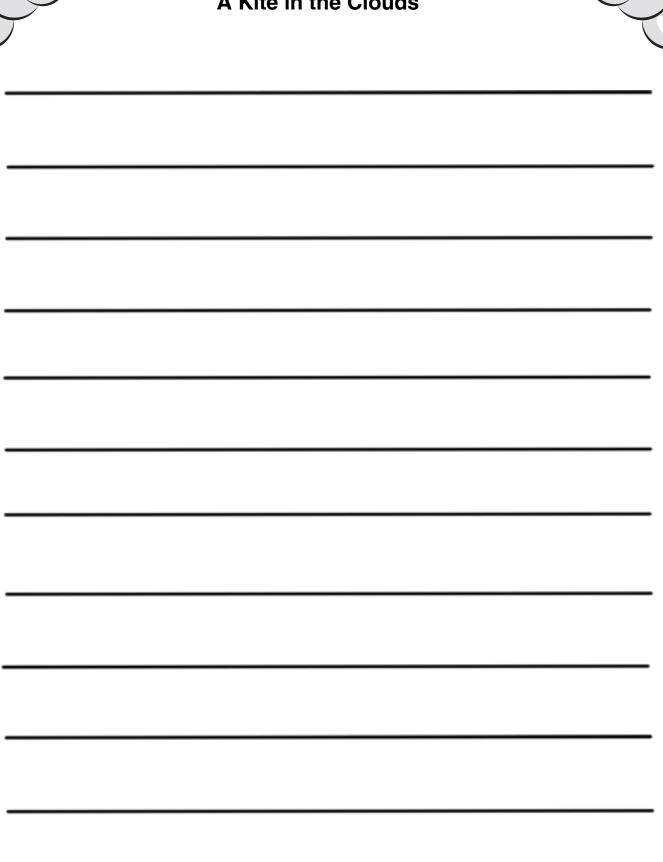


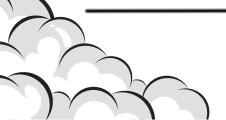


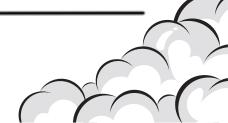










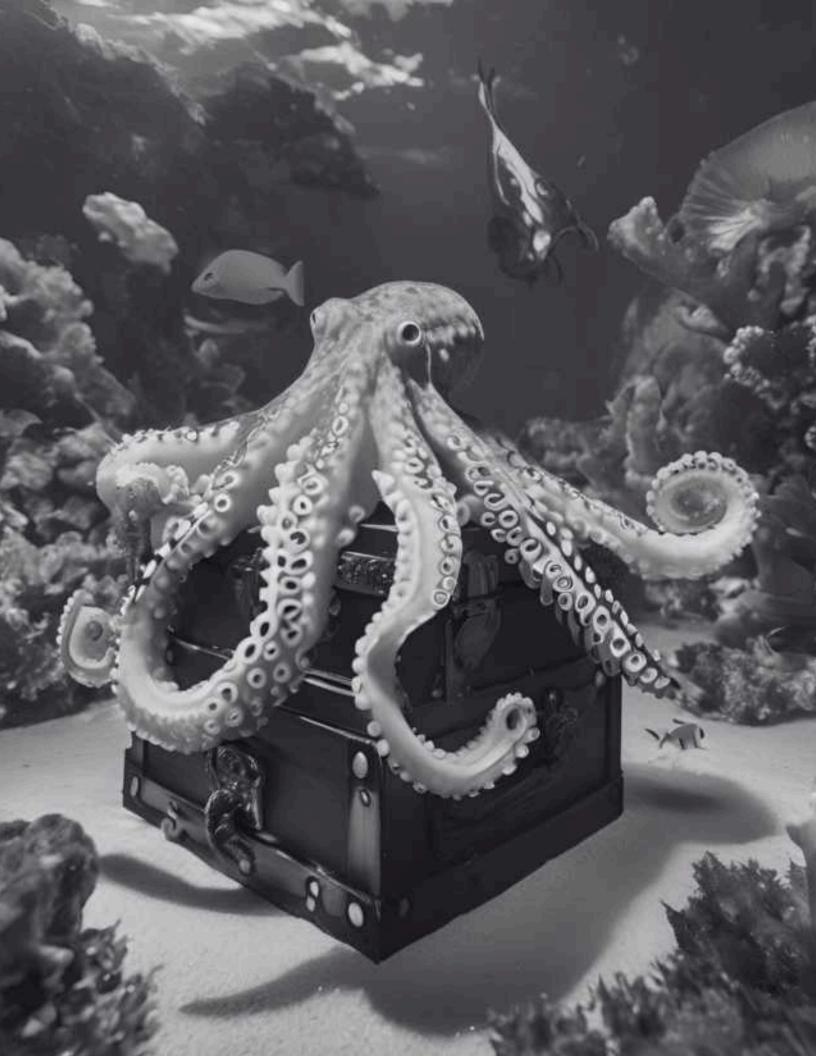


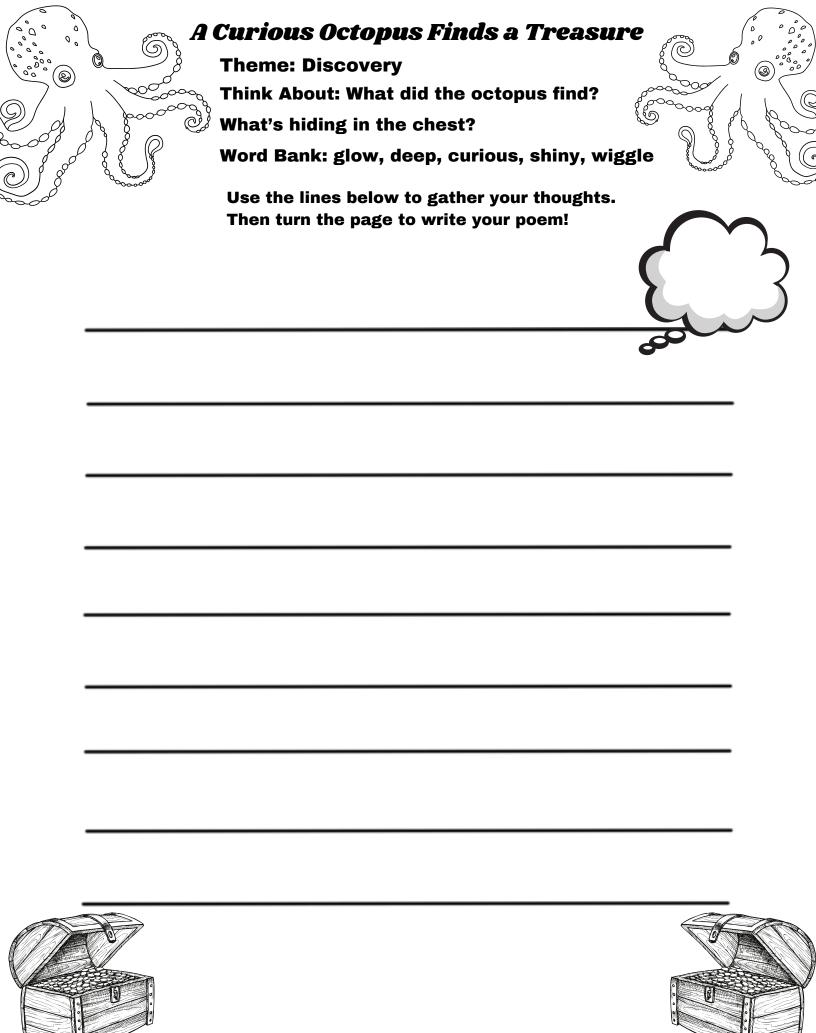
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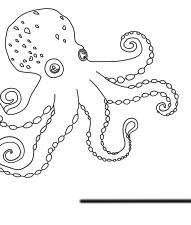




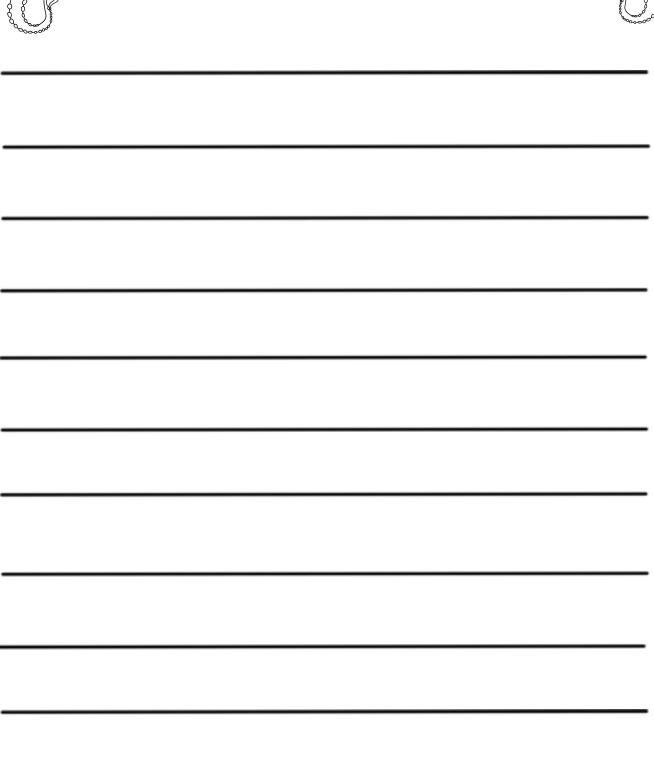






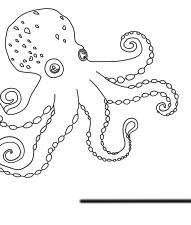


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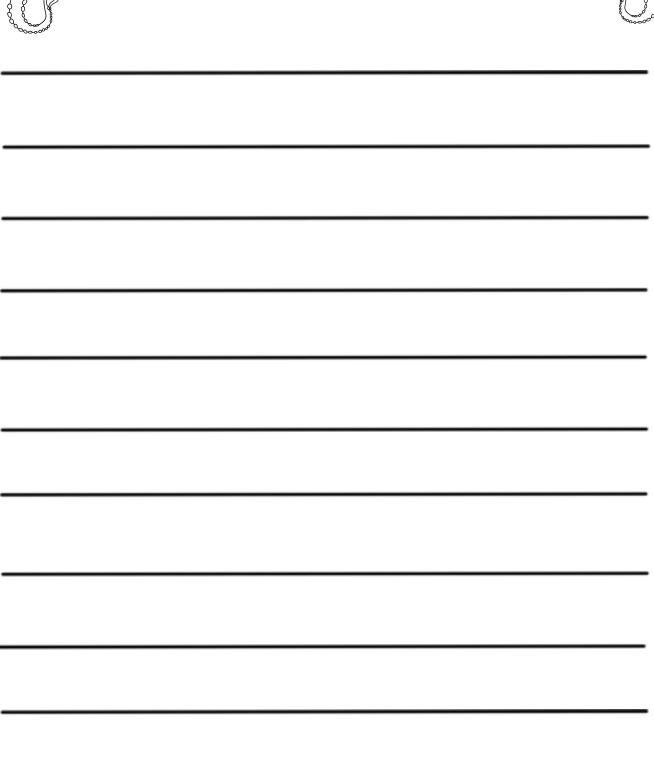






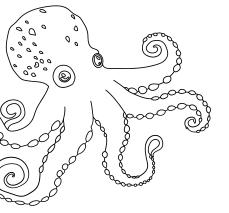


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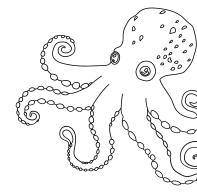








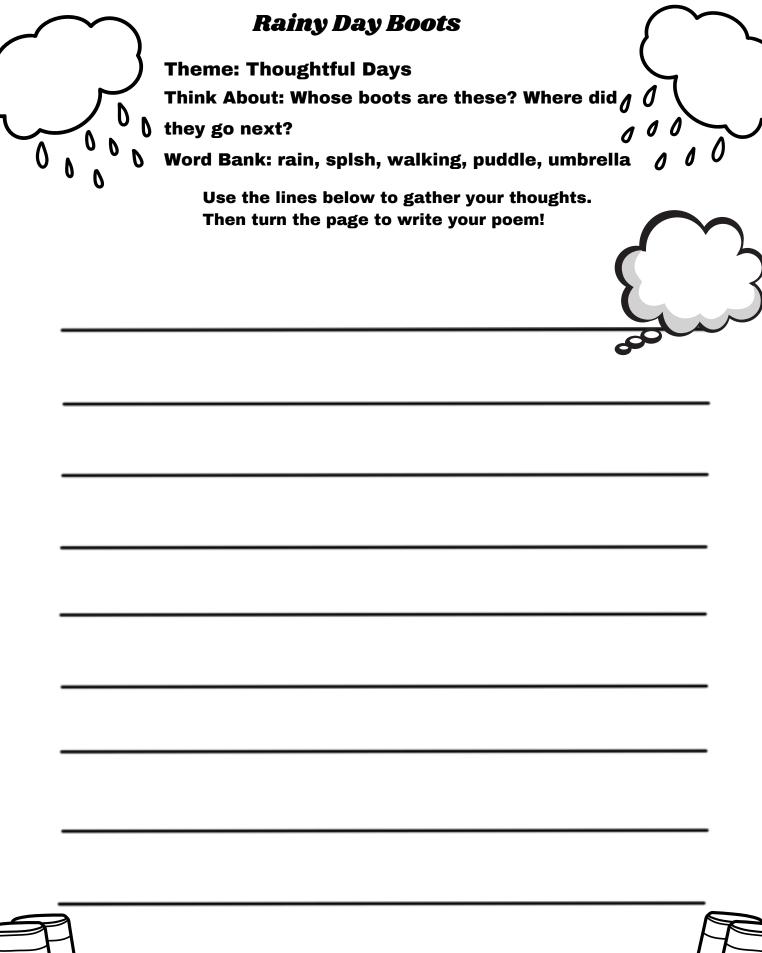
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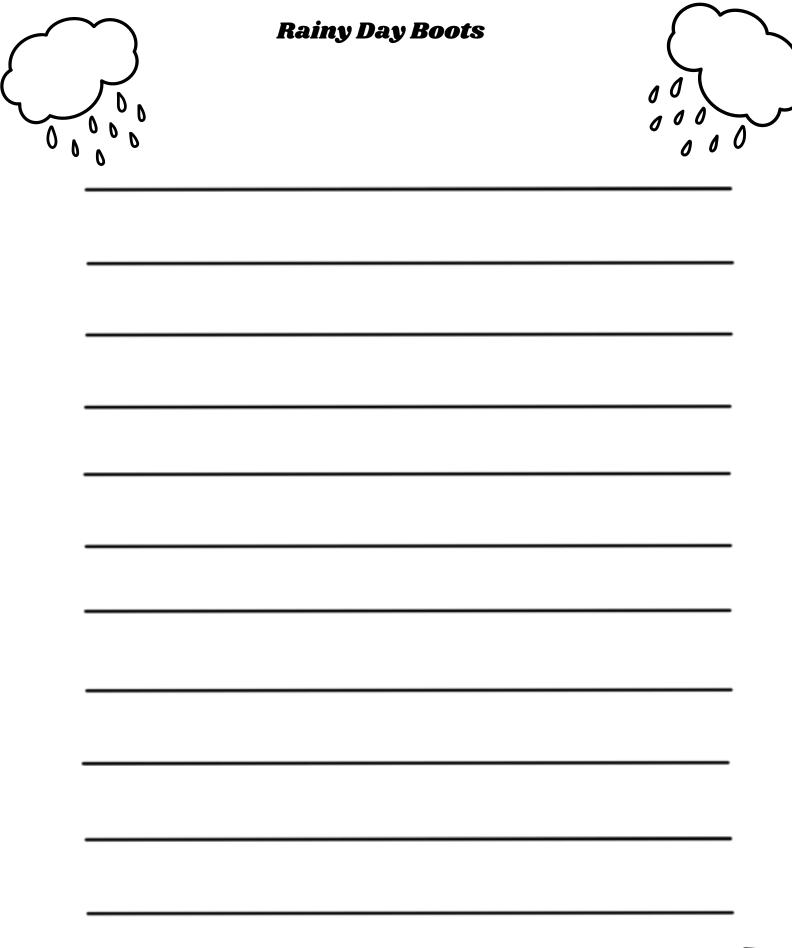






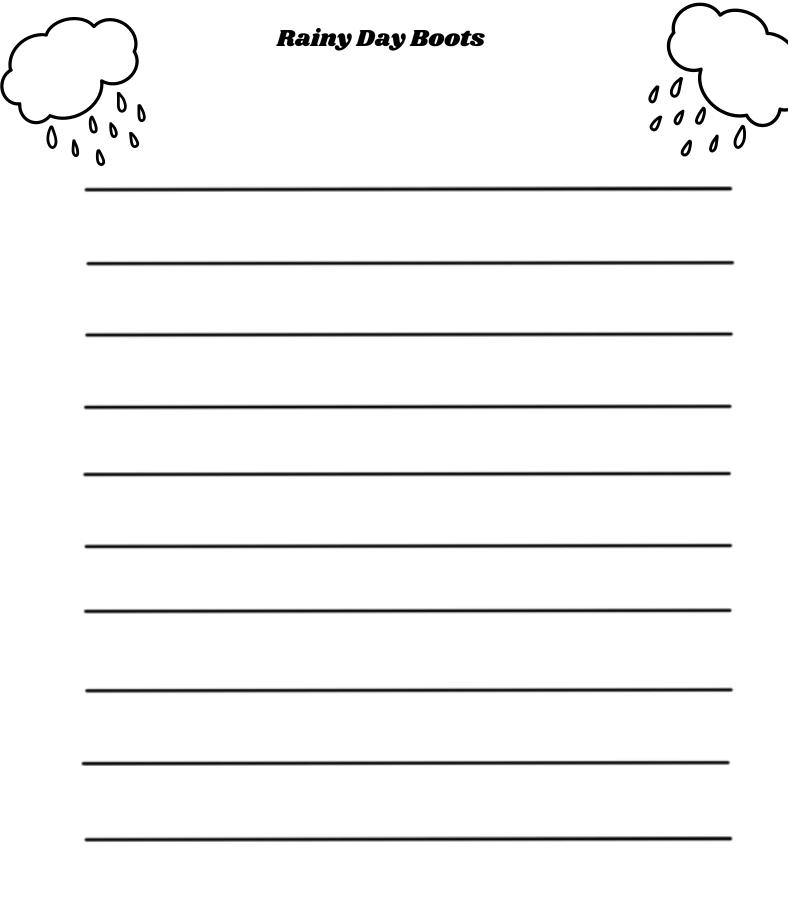


















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#### A Treehouse Under the Stars

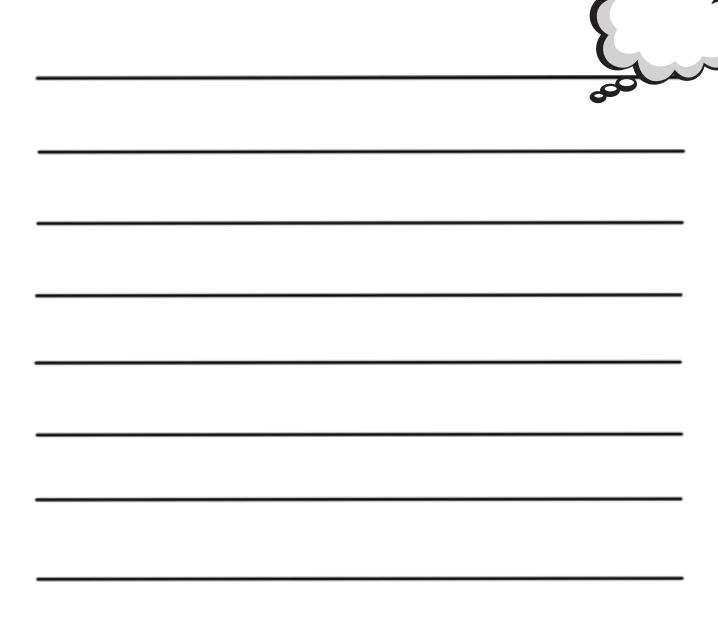
Theme: Magical and Quiet

Think About: Whose up in the treehouse tonight?

What do they dream?

Word Bank: twinkle, night, wish, dream, hush

Use the lines below to gather your thoughts. Then turn the page to write your poem!









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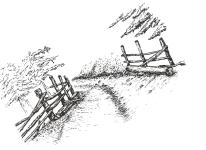
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### Footprints on a Forest Trail

**Theme: Adventure** 

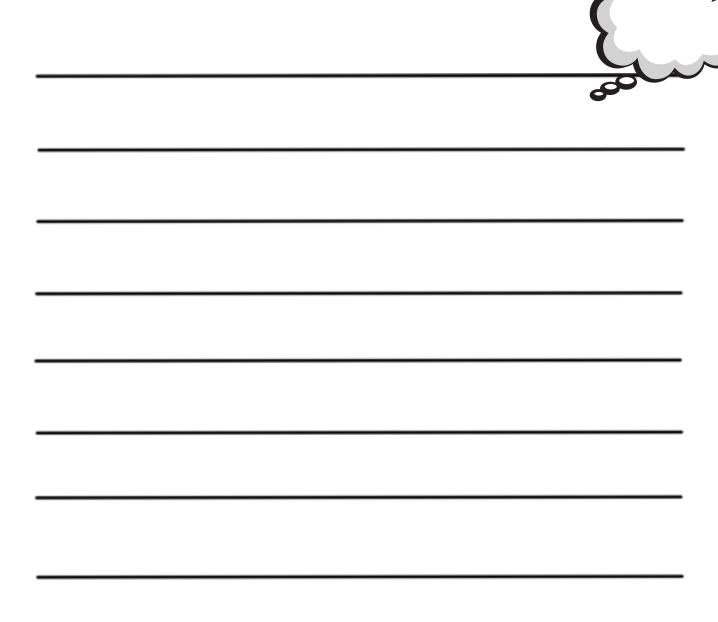
Think About: Who made the tracks?

What's just around the bend?

Word Bank: track, trail, whisper, leaf, brave

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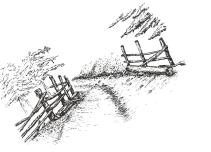


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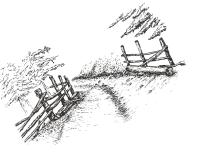


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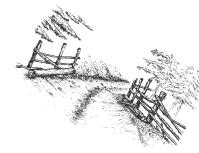
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#### You Did It!



You explored.

You imagined.

You wrote from your heart.

That makes you a real poet. 💉 🧡

Poetry isn't about being perfect.

It's about noticing the little things, feeling big feelings, and having the courage to write them down.

No matter how small your poem is, or how silly it may seem — it's a little piece of YOU.

So keep writing.

Keep dreaming.

And always believe in the magic of your words.

Your poetic journey is just beginning... and the world needs your voice.

> 🎉 With pride and applause, The Poet's Playground



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## **Free Verse Poet Certificate**

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