



Haiku Scramble

Richard Wright studied the work of the 17th-century Japanese poet **Basho**. He is recognized as the greatest master of haiku. Some of Basho's poems have gotten all mixed up. Can you fix them?

Unscramble the missing word for each line.

Now _____, let's go out
to enjoy the _____ ... until
I _____ and fall!

e t h n

w s o n w

p l s i i

Scent of _____ blossoms
on the _____ mountain path
a big _____ sun

u m l p u

s y m i t t

i n i r g s s g

Complete these two haiku with the words listed below. Maybe you'll put everything in the same order as Basho did or maybe you will write something new!

Winter _____ --
in a _____ of one _____
the _____ of wind.

Use these words: **color, solitude, sound, world**

To the _____ pond
A _____ in.
And the _____ of the water.

Use these words: **frog, old, sound, leaps**

Now that you have completed the poems by the haiku master, try writing one of your own!

SEEING INTO **TOMORROW** HAIKU BY **Richard Wright**

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Here are the completed Basho haiku:

1.
now **then**, let's go out
to enjoy the **snow** ... until
I **slip** and fall!

2.
scent of **plum** blossoms
on the **misty** mountain path
a big **rising** sun

3.
Winter **solitude**--
in a world of one **color**
the **sound** of **wind**.

4.
To the **old** pond
A **frog leaps** in.
And the **sound** of the water.