



Poetry: Practice Activity

Directions: Complete the chart.

Type of Poem	Rules
Free Verse	
Haiku	
Limerick	
Rhymed Poetry	
Epic	
Narrative	



Pastoral	
Sonnet	
Elegy	
Ode	
Lyric	
Ballad	



Villanelle	
Soliloquy	



Answers

Type of Poem	Rules
Free Verse	No consistent rules
Haiku	5-7-5 syllable per line rule
Limerick	5 lines; Rhyme scheme: A-A-B-B-A: Usually 10 syllables per line (doesn't rhyme)
Rhymed Poetry	Rhymes in some way
Epic	Long; Narrative; About adventures and feats of characters
Narrative	Tells a story
Pastoral	About rural life landscapes and the natural world
Sonnet	14 lines with internal rhymes
Elegy	About death or loss; tribute to someone or something
Ode	Tribute to someone or something; don't have to be dead
Lyric	About emotions and feelings
Ballad	Narrative poem or song; follows a pattern of rhymed quatrains
Villanelle	19 lines; 5 tercets and 1 quatrain; Has a specific internal rhyme scheme; About obsessions or other intense things
Soliloquy	Monologue; Character speaks to themselves allowing the reader to gain knowledge that they otherwise might not know; Not always poems