**CREATIVE WRITING LESSON PLAN**

**Writing a Poem**

*Trying to write a poem can seem tricky but it’s much easier if you have somewhere to start! Here’s a couple of tips to get you going:*

**Starter**

**Word Association –** This is to get you thinking creatively about language! Think of any word and write it in the middle of the page. Then, give yourself 1 minute to write as many words as you can linked with that word. (*Examples of words to start with could be Farm, Ocean, Train, Books, Family*). Once you’ve done this, trying putting some of the words together. Can you make any phrases that sound poetic?

EXTENSION: **Word DIS-Association** – This one’s a bit silly but can be a lot of fun. Instead of words that are linked together try thinking of words that have nothing in common at all! You might end up with some surreal phrases that could be the beginnings of a poem.

**Main Activity**

* Fold your paper in half to make two columns. Write one word at the top of one column and another at the top of the second column. Try to make your words as different as possible!
* Now, starting with the left column, give yourself one minute to write as many words or phrases as you can linked to the word at the top. Be sure to keep to the left column, leaving the right column blank for now.
* Next, move to the right column and do the same, writing as many words or phrases as you can linked to the word you wrote at the top.
* Now you should have a page filled with words and phrases. Try reading the page left to right, ignoring the fold you made down the middle. Your two columns should mash together to form some unusual phrases and sentences!
* Pick out any phrases or combinations of words that sound interesting and start turning these into a poem. It doesn’t have to make sense (in fact, it probably won’t!) just go with what sounds right to you!

*Here are some examples to start you off:*

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| **BEACH** | **SUPERMARKET** |
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| **BOOKS** | **PLAYGROUND** |
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| **SPACE** | **BREAKFAST** |
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