

## A JACKIWA POEM - juh-key-waa

- ❖ A jackiwa Poem is a Judi Billcliff idea.
- ❖ It is structured like a (sideways) triangle where poets tell their story in a minimalistic way.
- ❖ A jackiwa poem tells a simple but complete story in 8 lines:

1 word: topic

2 words: use adjectives/describing words

3 words: uses verbs/action words

4 words: story builds up

4 words: start to resolve the poem

3 words: use verbs/action words

2 words: use adjectives/describing words

1 word: ties back to topic

I love writing poems. While I mainly write in rhyme, I have enjoyed coming up with this format, as it is about telling a complete story with no fancy bits.

A beginning, a middle and a conclusion in 8 lines.

It can sometimes be written as free verse not worrying about verbs and adjectives.

As an extension, jackiwa poems could be fun to act out by adding more details to the story.