

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: uses adjectives
3 words: uses verbs
4 words: builds to climax
4 words: ready to resolve
3 words: uses verbs
2 words: uses adjectives
1 word: ties back to first

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.

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

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DOGS by Judi Billcliff

Dogs
Are Scary,
My knees shake
As I feel fear.
The dog sniffs me,
Slowly I smile,
Nice dog -
Rover.



- ❖ Write your own poem about an animal.
- ❖ Here is a jackiwa poem for you to finish lines 5 to 8

Cat
Content, fat.
Relaxed and purring,
Sitting on my knee.