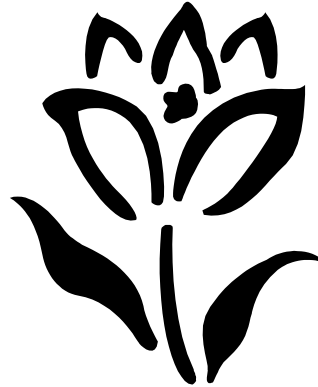


Eastside Literacy Tutor Support
Student Handout - **How to write a cinquain**

A cinquain is an American poetry form that follows a very specific format. The shape of the poem on the page is like a diamond – each line is one or two words longer than the previous line, except for the last one.

**blossom
new, pink
nodding, reaching, unfurling
a hope and a promise
of summer**



This is how you write one:

Line 1: Noun	blossom
Line 2: Description	new, pink
Line 3: Action	nodding, reaching, unfurling
Line 4: Feeling	a hope and a promise
Line 5: Summing Up	of summer