**Colour Poetry**

Now that you have had the opportunity to experiment with some riddles (a form of poetry), hopefully you are learning that you have another outlet for communicating your thoughts, feelings, and experiences. In this lesson, you are asked to think about **colors**, while imagining what they taste, feel, smell, sound, and look like. I will provide sample color poems, and we will examine **imagery** and **symbolism**. You will use your five senses as a prewriting tool to guide your poetry writing before drafting, revising, and publishing your own color poem.

**Start by Brainstorming**

Consider the following when you select your colour:

What things LOOK (color)?

What things SOUND (color)?

What things SMELL (color)?

How does (color) FEEL?

What makes YOU FEEL (color)?

What things TASTE (color)?

What EXPERIENCES or IDEAS seem (color)?

Can you think of any (color) PLACES?

**Writing Tools**

1. **Sybolism - Symbolism** is the practice or art of using an object or a word to represent an abstract idea. An action, person, place, word, or object can all have a **symbolic meaning**. When an author wants to suggest a certain mood or emotion, he can also use **symbolism** to hint at it, rather than just blatantly saying it.

Examples

**As red as blood. As white as snow. As black as a crow.**

Online Symbolism Assistance

1. [**http://www.umich.edu/~umfandsf/symbolismproject/symbolism.html/**](http://www.umich.edu/~umfandsf/symbolismproject/symbolism.html/)

**For this website simply click on the letter that starts the word that you are interested in (example select “R” for red)**

1. **Colour Meanings Website** – http://www.color-meanings.com/color-symbolism-in-literature-what-do-colors-mean-in-literature-and-poetry/
2. **Imagery - Imagery** is the name given to the elements in a **poem** that spark off the senses. Despite "image" being a synonym for "picture", images need not be only visual; any of the five senses (sight, hearing, touch, taste, smell) can respond to what a **poet** writes.

Examples

* Orange is the colour of where the sunset kisses the ocean on the western shore
* Yellow daffodils fluttering and dancing in the breeze
* My grandmas teapot was a red as a tongue after eating a cherry flavored ring pop.

Imagery Poem Examples – My Word Wizard <http://www.mywordwizard.com/imagery-poems.html>

**Colour Poetry Pattern 1**

Title \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

selected color) is ....

(selected color) is ....

(selected color) is ....

(selected color) is ....

(selected color) tastes like ....

(selected color) smells like ....

(selected color) sounds like ....

(selected color) feels like ....

(selected color) looks like ....

selected color) makes me ....

(selected color) is ....

Green Means Go

Green is .... the color of spring.

Green is .... renewal.

Green is .... the color of envy.

is .... a new crayon.

Green tastes like .... a crisp apple.

Green smells like .... fresh cut grass.

Green sounds like .... a croaking frog.

Green feels like .... soft, velvety moss.

Green looks like .... shiny emeralds.

Green makes me .... go.

Green is .... my favorite color.

Colour Poetry Pattern 2

Title \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

2. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is the taste of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

3. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ smells like \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ makes me feel \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

5. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is the sound of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

6. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_,

and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

7. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

8. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

9. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Green is Many Things

Green is apples, markers, and slime.

Green is the taste of vegetables – broccoli, celery and spinach.

Green smells like newly mowed grass and drizzling rain in the spring.

Green feels like envy when someone possesses what I want.

Green is the sound of a lawn tractor, but also a lonely sigh.

Green is a garden, a forest, and a swamp.

Green is renewal.

Green is beginning again.

Green is spring.