



Teacher's Guide

LITERACY: POETRY
Ages: 4 - 6, 7 - 9, 10 - 12

This outdoor poetry activity gets students writing a simple poem about your outdoor space using their senses.

Teaching Structure:

Take the students into an outdoor space. Get them to sit quietly and think about what they can see, hear, smell, touch, and feel. Once they've had time to think get them to write a poem by completing the differentiated poem templates.

Along with the differentiated sheets, encourage students to use language in their poems appropriate to their ability.

Once they've written their poems it is nice to share them together as a class. They can also make a great display!



The image shows three differentiated poem templates for 'Senses Poetry'. Each template includes a title, a small 'Senses Poetry' logo with a pink flower, and a 'Name: _____' field. The first two templates, 'POEM TEMPLATE 2' and 'POEM TEMPLATE 1', have a similar structure: a title, a logo, a name field, and five lines of prompts: 'I See _____', 'I Hear _____', 'I Smell _____', 'I Touch _____', and 'I Feel _____'. The third template, 'My Senses Poem', has a title, a logo, a name field, and a large rectangular box with horizontal lines for writing. The bottom of the page is decorated with a colorful floral border.