

Formative Assessment 7 Exemplar

Mentor Poem

A Bat Flits

A bat flits
in moonlight
above the plum blossoms.
--Yosa Buson

Using the Mentor Text

Title your haiku "A _____ (something) _____ (does something)"

Then use imagery to help us experience this thing as it does whatever you have identified in your title. You might think about when and where this is happening ("in moonlight/above the plum blossoms")

Original Draft

A Bluebird Sits

A bluebird sits
on a branch
a sapphire in the sun.

Notes:

- The poet borrows the mentor poem's title strategy, choosing to name her poem, "A Bluebird Sits."
- The poet borrows a similar haiku structure: 3 lines.
- Like the mentor poet, the poet opens her poem by repeating the title as the first line.
- Like the mentor poet, the poet shows and does not tell; that is, she relies on imagery, appealing to her readers' sense of sight.
- Like the mentor poet, the haiku's three lines create a powerful image that reveals the beauty of the natural world.