

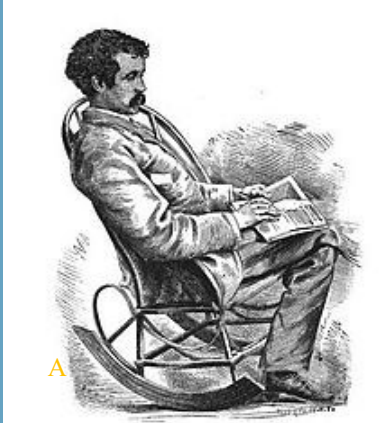
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### Kentucky Poets



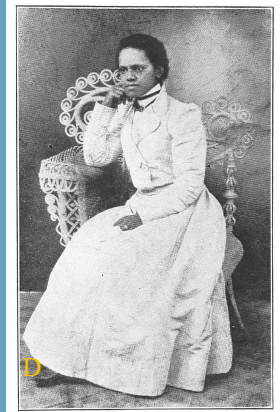
A



B



C



D

Here are four famous Kentucky poets. A is Albert A. Whitman. He wrote poems about African American life and history. B is Dottie Rambo. She wrote song lyrics for children and adults. C is Jesse Stuart. He lived in Eastern Kentucky and was made the Poet Laureate of Kentucky. A poet laureate is the official poet for a state or nation. D is Effie Waller Smith. She wrote poems about her favorite foods, her faith, and important events in her life.

### Why do people write poems?

Poems are short. Poems usually make really good mind movies because the words are so descriptive. Most poems are supposed to be read out loud. Some poems use rhyming words. Some poems use rhythm. Some use both rhythm and rhyme. Some people write poems to describe a beautiful place. Some people write poems to explain how a strong emotion feels. Some people write poems to share a memory. Some poems tell about an important person or an historic event. Some poems can be put to music. When they are sung, they are called lyrics.

Poems do not have chapters like a book. Instead they have verses. The verses have a certain number of lines. Some lines have a certain number of syllables.

There are so many different types of poem. Limericks are funny short poems. Haikus have just three lines. The first and third lines have exactly five syllables. The second line has exactly seven syllables. A sonnet is a longer type of poem.

Do you like to write poetry?

## Do you like this poem by Dottie Rambo?

Dottie Rambo wrote a poem called "Down By the Creek Bank". It is also the lyrics of a song for kids. It tells about all the different animals at the creek. Here are two of the verses.

"There's crickets and tadpoles, turtles and frogs  
Down by the creek bank by the old holler log  
There's spiders and fireflies, earthworms that crawl  
Down by the creek bank by the old holler log"

How many lines are in this verse? \_\_\_\_\_

Three of the lines end with rhyming words. The words are: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you like this poem? \_\_\_\_\_

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thinks the  
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## Do you like this poem by Effie Waller Smith?

Effie Waller Smith wrote a poem called "The Rainbow". It compares love to a rainbow.

"Love is a rainbow that appears  
When heaven's sunshine lights earth's tears.  
All varied colors of the light  
Within its beauteous arch unite  
... O dark life's stormy sky would seem,  
If love's clear rainbow did not gleam!"

These lines are not the whole poem. There are the same number of syllables in each line.  
How many syllables are in each line? \_\_\_\_\_ Every two lines \_\_\_\_\_.