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**ACROSTIC POETRY**



Definition for acrostic poetry:

You have probably already written an acrostic poem sometime during Elementary school. Your task is to amp up your game and write something beyond just a repetition of your name. Pick a word or phrase that describes you, a person in history, a current event, or a controversial issue that you can expand upon (for example, Donald Trump, MMA, or eccentric).

Here are some more involved acrostic poems:

Elizabeth it is in vain you say

'Love not' — thou sayest it in so sweet a way:

In vain those words from thee or L.E.L.

Zantippe's talents had enforced so well:

Ah! if that language from thy heart arise,

Breath it less gently forth — and veil thine eyes.

Endymion, recollect, when Luna tried

To cure his love — was cured of all beside —

His follie — pride — and passion — for he died.

 -- 'An Acrostic', by Edgar Allan Poe

Set among hills in the midst of five valleyS,

This peaceful little market town we inhabiT

Refuses (vociferously!) to be a conformeR.

Once home of the cloth it gave its name tO,

Uphill and down again its streets lead yoU.

Despite its faults it leaves us all charmeD.

 -- by Paul Hansford

**Your Turn! Record a word that you would like to make an acrostic poem about and begin writing a draft on the backside:**