

LO. To write a free verse poem



A free verse poem is a poem that tells a story.

Today, we are going to pretend that we have travelled to Ancient Egypt and write a poem about our time there...

Although a free verse poem tells a story, it is different to a story.

What makes a poem different to a story?

verses, rhyme, repetition, rhythm (keeping a beat)

Let's travel back to Ancient Egypt...

What Ancient Egyptian things can we write about in our poems?



- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N_y8ITF2EpY

What do you notice about this poem? Look at the language used, the structure, the punctuation. How has the poet created rhythm?

Ancient Egypt

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A golden sphinx shone brightly like the sun.

When I went to Ancient Egypt,
An earthy scent drifted through the air.

When I went to Ancient Egypt,
A pointy pyramid towered over the land.

When I went to Ancient Egypt,
There was an eerie silence surrounding the tombs.

Ancient Egypt

→ title

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repetition to create a
rhythm

what could we repeat
instead?

When I went to Ancient Egypt,
An earthy scent drifted through the air.

→

simile

→

senses

what other senses could
we use?

When I went to Ancient Egypt,
A pointy pyramid towered over the land.

→ alliteration

When I went to Ancient Egypt,
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Two lines in a verse.

what punctuation is
used?

Create your own poem that has a consistent rhythm by repeating a phrase.



Use figurative language such as similes and alliteration

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