

# Garden Haikus

**Goal:** To write 5 different haikus about the garden by focusing on the 5 senses.

**Grades:** 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>

**Subjects:** Writing, Science

## Materials needed for each student:

- ❖ Notebook
- ❖ Pencil
- ❖ Graphic organizer (optional, students may use their notebooks instead)
- ❖ Garden Haikus template (optional, students may use their notebooks instead)

## Activity Guide:

1) Start with a garden walk!

- After reviewing the 5 senses with your students (touch, see, taste, smell, hear), lead them on a walk through the Middleton garden. Encourage the students to think about the 5 senses by asking the following questions:
  - What colors do you see in garden?
  - What do the leaves feel like?
  - Do different plant leaves feel the same or different? (Rather than just writing down “same” or “different,” ask students to write down *how* the leaves feel.)
  - What does the garden smell like? (Encourage students to smell specific plants and write down what they smell like.)
  - Do you hear anything in the garden? Perhaps a bird or an insect or the wind? What does it say?
  - How does the tomato taste? (The teacher can provide samples; tomato is given here as an example; feel free to experiment with different garden items.)
  - Add your own discovery questions as the walk continues! These questions can also be re-typed and distributed to each student before the garden walk. Students can also use the Garden Walk graphic organizer and use each circle to write down descriptive words and answers.

2) Now, go over how to write a haiku.

- First line: 5 syllables
- Second line: 7 syllables
- Third line: 5 syllables
- Review examples. Sample example include:

Ripe tomatoes here  
Tasting sweet juice as I bite  
Delicious. Healthy.

3) Okay, it's time to write!

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**5 syllables:** \_\_\_\_\_

**7 syllables:** \_\_\_\_\_

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# Garden Walk

**Touch**

- 1)
- 2)
- 3)
- 4)
- 5)

**Taste**

- 1)
- 2)
- 3)
- 4)
- 5)

**See**

- 1)
- 2)
- 3)
- 4)
- 5)

**Hear**

- 1)
- 2)
- 3)
- 4)
- 5)

**Smell**

- 1)
- 2)
- 3)
- 4)
- 5)