

Haiku Creative Assignment

While an audience member at this evening of theatre I want you to listen carefully and write down 4-6 lines that strike you as extraordinary. There must be at least two lines from each act...and possibly even three. These lines could be funny, silly, poignant, thought-provoking...anything that gives you pause and causes some sort of emotion. This, along with being a brilliant audience member is what you do while at the production.

After the production you are to choose the one line that means the most to you now that you have seen the entire production. With this line as inspiration at the top of a piece of paper create a Haiku of your experience seeing and hearing the play. The following is a definition of a Haiku.

Haiku Poetry is a Japanese poem composed of three unrhymed lines of five, seven, and five syllables. Haiku poetry originated in the sixteenth century and *reflects on some aspect of nature and creates images.*

Here is an example of a Haiku -

*The butterflies dance
Brilliant colors of rainbows
Rippling like water.*

Rubric -	4-6 lines captured from the show, typed, and turned in on a separate piece of paper	50% ____
	Lines of haiku follow the 5-7-5 syllable structure	15% ____
	Haiku creates an image of what you experienced	15% ____
	Overall impact of poem creative and strong	20% ____

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