

Haiku in Hawaii

Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park Quarter Grades Two and Three



OBJECTIVE

Students will demonstrate an understanding of haiku poetry.



SUBJECT AREA CONNECTIONS

- Language Arts
- Science



SUMMARY

- 1. Read the students a text on haiku poetry. Discuss the elements of a haiku poem (they have seventeen syllables and can be split into three lines, with five syllables in the first line, seven syllables in the second, and five syllables in the last. The subject matter is usually nature, such as volcanoes). Share some examples with the students.
- 2. Display and examine the Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park quarter design. Locate this site on a class map. As background information, explain to the students that the United States Mint began to issue the quarters in the America the Beautiful Quarters® Program in 2010. By the time the program ends in 2021, there will be a total of 56 designs on the back of the coin. Each design will focus on a different national site—one from each state, territory, and the District of Columbia.
- 3. Read a text on Hawaii. Tell the students that a long time ago Hawaii was formed by volcanoes and there are still some active there today. Share some pictures of volcanoes with the students and discuss adjectives that describe volcanoes.
- 4. Introduce the students to the "How To Haiku" worksheet. Explain to them that they will be writing their own haiku about the volcanoes in Hawaii.
- 5. Have the students complete the "How To Haiku" worksheet and illustrate it on another sheet of paper. Present the students' finished products to the class and display them.



ASSESSMENTS

- Take anecdotal notes about the students' participation in class discussions.
- Evaluate the students' worksheets and projects for understanding of the lesson objectives.



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RESOURCES

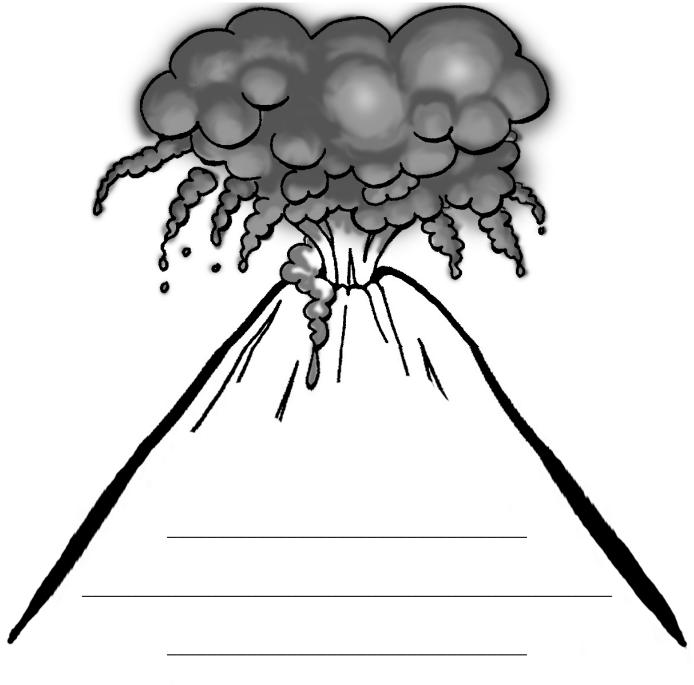
- "How To Haiku" worksheet
- "Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park Quarter" page
- National Park Service: www.nps.gov
- Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park: www.nps.gov/havo
- America the Beautiful Quarters® Program: www.usmint.gov/kids/teachers/lessonPlans/atb/



How to Haiku

Directions: Write a haiku poem about the volcanoes of Hawaii. Haiku poetry consists of 17 syllables: one line of five, one line of seven, and one line of five syllables.







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