

Insta-Ku

Assignment Directions:

You probably remember that haiku is a Japanese poetic form, in which there are three lines that follow the simple 5-7-5 syllable rule. Well-written haikus are thoughtful and concise and are usually concerned with the natural world. They capture a moment in time and space and often reveal something new about their subject. Writing haiku helps us to pay close attention to our subject and to boil language down to its very essence.

Haiku should:

- Have three lines, using 5-7-5 syllable rule;
- Begin with a close observation;
- Use very concise, concrete imagery;
- Have a subtle twist or a moment of insight.

For this assignment:

1. Find a photo in your camera roll that really says something about you, or about something or somewhere that you find interesting or beautiful or compelling, but doesn't have you in the photo;
2. Write a haiku inspired by the photo and put the words over or on the same slide as the photo;
3. Add your slide with a photo and haiku to our class slideshow, but do not put your name on the slide. (You may finish this for homework, but please submit by midnight tonight.)
4. You are free to view the finished slideshow on your own. We will watch it as a class sometime during the next few weeks.