Everglades Haiku

Directions: Have students write an Everglades haiku using the examples below:

Haiku How-To

A Haiku is a style of Japanese poetry that traditionally describes nature. A haiku poem has three lines and 17 syllables. The first line has five syllables, the second has seven, and the third has five.

Standards: LAFS.K.RL.2.5, LAFS.1.RL.2.4, LAFS.2.RL.2.4

Count the syllables in the example below:

Sawgrass gently moves          _________
As wading birds stalk their prey    _________
In the shallow marsh            _________

Complete the haiku below by filling in the blanks. Remember to count the syllables.

Sun shines on _______________________     _________
A warm breeze blows _________________  _________
Nature is ___________________________  _________

Now it’s your turn! Pick something from the Everglades and describe it using the haiku form. Remember to count the syllables in each line.

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