Fundamentals of Poetry

Poetry · Answer Key · 8 Questions

1. Which specific poetic form consists of exactly fourteen lines and traditionally follows a strict rhyme scheme?

A) Haiku
B) Sonnet
C) Ballad
D) Limerick

2. What is the term for a poetic line that has ten syllables with an alternating unstressed and stressed beat?

A) Iambic pentameter
B) Free verse
C) Trochaic tetrameter
D) Blank verse

3. Which Japanese poetic form traditionally consists of three phrases with a 5, 7, 5 syllable structure?

A) Tanka
B) Ghazal
C) Haiku
D) Villanelle

4. In poetry, what is the term for the repetition of initial consonant sounds in closely positioned words?

A) Assonance
B) Onomatopoeia
C) Alliteration
D) Hyperbole

5. Which famous English playwright and poet is credited with writing over 150 sonnets?

A) John Keats
B) William Shakespeare
C) Lord Byron
D) T.S. Eliot

6. What is a 'quatrain' in the context of poetry?

A) A poem about nature
B) A stanza consisting of four lines
C) A line with six beats
D) A poem without rhyme

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7. Which literary device involves a direct comparison between two unlike things using the words 'like' or 'as'?

A) Metaphor
B) Personification
C) Simile
D) Oxymoron

8. What is the name for poetry that does not follow a specific rhyme scheme or regular meter?

A) Blank verse
B) Free verse
C) Epic poetry
D) Ode

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