

Haiku Poetry



The ancient art of writing haiku poetry began in Japan, hundreds of years ago

Most haiku poems are about nature, and they have to fit a very specific outline. They are very short, and are only 3 lines long.

The first line has 5 syllables, the second line has 7, and the last line has 5 again. That's all there is to a whole haiku poem. It doesn't even rhyme.

How to Write a Haiku

Think of a topic you'd like to write about. Maybe something lovely in nature, something you like about the seasons, or maybe your favorite Sabbath or Deity.

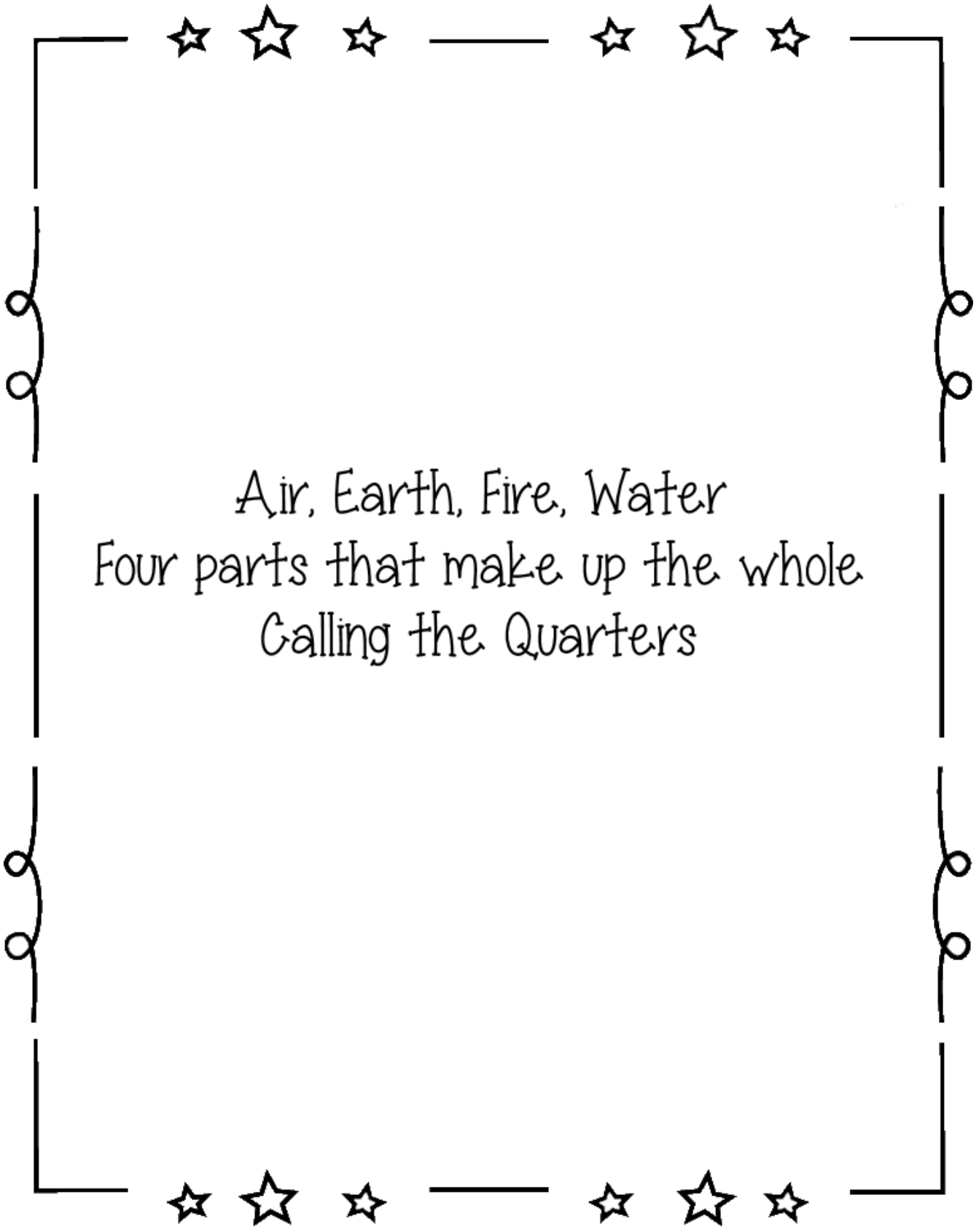
Once you come up with a topic for your poem, start making a list of great descriptive words. Picture a scene in your head and describe it.

Now start putting your ideas together, counting syllables as you go. You can forget about complete sentences. Short phrases are just fine in a haiku, and you want to "show" an image to people who read it.

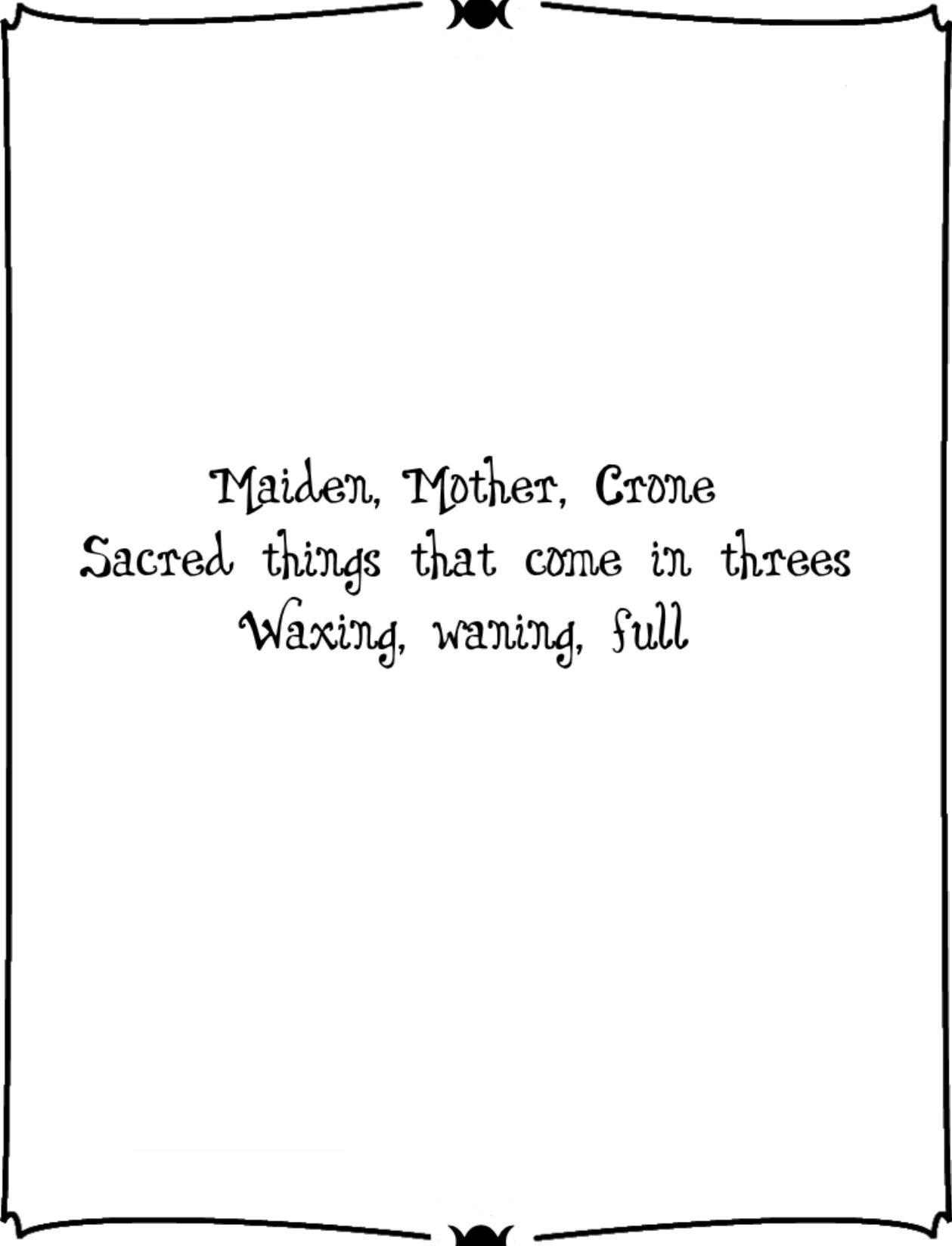
Here is one example of a typical haiku poem:

FAT, ORANGE, ROUND, BRIGHT
FOR CELEBRATING SAMHAIN
WAITING TO BE CARVED

Now use the blank page included to write your own

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Air, Earth, Fire, Water
Four parts that make up the whole
Calling the Quarters



Maiden, Mother, Crone
Sacred things that come in threes
Waxing, waning, full

