

Generative Writing Loops Activity Handout #1:

Introduction



Welcome to generative writing loops! The activities will be a chance for you to have fun writing poetry together in groups.

Poetry is about using words as tools to create powerful, emotionally rich texts that communicate in different ways. During the year, we will use these groups to play in language; deepen our knowledge of poetry and the “rules” or conventions of poetry; and to express ourselves creatively, just like people in literary communities around the world who write and share poems daily.

First you will get a chance to write in free verse. Later, you will try your hand at writing Italian sonnets. No matter what type of poem your group is writing, I encourage you to relax and try to have fun with the process. There is no wrong outcome for writing a poem, so all serious attempts can be shared and celebrated. The whole point of this assignment is to create together, play in words, and try to use that process to better understand how free verse poems and sonnets work.