

Diamante

Overview:

Students write a Diamante to reinforce new vocabulary and concepts learned during the Crowns of Light unit. A Diamante (the Italian word for diamond) is a form of unrhymed poetry consisting of seven prescribed lines. When the poem is finished, it forms the shape of a diamond.

Objectives:

The student will:

- write a Diamante to reinforce new vocabulary and concepts learned during the Crowns of Light unit;
- use a variety of adjectives and nouns to describe the concepts expressed in the Crowns of Light unit; and
- use a variety of verbs to describe the concepts expressed in the Crowns of Light unit.

Materials:

- Butcher paper
- VISUAL AID: “Diamante”
- VISUAL AID: “Aurora Oval Diamante”
- VISUAL AID: “Crown of Light Diamante”
- VISUAL AID: “Earth Diamante”
- STUDENT WORKSHEET: “A Priceless Diamante”



Activity Procedure:

- 1) Use VISUAL AID: “Diamante” to show the form of Diamante poetry. Next, overlay VISUAL AIDS: “Aurora Oval Diamante,” “Crown of Light Diamante,” and “Earth Diamante” to show different examples of Diamante poetry in text form.
- 2) Discuss the elements of the poems, noting patterns and the physical arrangement of nouns, adjectives, and verbs.
- 3) Engage the students in a whole class writing activity that will result in a Diamante classroom poem. Record students’ ideas on butcher paper in front of the classroom.
- 4) Hand out the STUDENT WORKSHEET: “A Priceless Diamante” so students can write their own Diamante. When students are finished with their worksheets, ask them to share their Diamantes with each other.

Answers to Student Worksheet:

Answers/poems will vary

Name: _____

A Priceless Diamante

Directions: Fill in the blanks below to create a Diamante.

