



## POETRY

**Number of players:** Any

**Space:** Any

**Materials needed:** Notebook paper and a pencil/ pen

**Procedure:**

1. The rhythm of a drum being played is a pattern of sound. Using the syllables a drum inspires, create a pattern of repeating words.
2. Read silently and aloud several poems with strong meter, discuss the rhythms heard, and then identify the words or phrases that create the rhythm.
3. Create an interesting "Rhythm Song" (a series of rhythms over a set duration of time) by using a drum, handclaps, etc.
4. Using the syllables that the Rhythm Song inspires, make a poem using the exact number of syllables and phrasing.
5. Feel free to use made-up words and sounds to add color to the poem.

**Possible learning areas:**

Rhythm, pattern, writing skills, creativity