

ESPAÑOL: POEMA (POEM)

EL CAMPO

HABILIDADES (SKILLS)

- Expression in Spanish
- Finding inspiration through experiences

TAREA (ASSIGNMENT)

Nicaraguans are fond of quoting José Coronel Urtecho, who once said, “Every Nicaraguan born, is a poet - until s/he demonstrates the contrary.” With that in mind, in honor of Nicaraguan culture and society, let’s write some poetry!

Poetry is an artistic expression, and thus, there is no right or wrong way to express yourself through poetry. Still, one tool used during the revolution’s “*Talleres de Poesía*” was the *Haiku* poem. Taken from Eastern culture, *haiku* is the shortest form of poetry in world literature. However, its three little lines of roughly 5-7-5 syllables are capable of expressing deep feelings and sudden flashes of intuition. This form of poetry was promoted in Nicaragua in the 1980s by Pd. Ernesto Cardinal, former Minister of Culture, and focuses on the simple, seemingly trivial stuff of everyday life—a cornhusk, a tortilla, a humming bird, etc. *Haiku* sheds light on the life of things and when done well, can even lead to enlightenment. Following this basic model, please write as least 2 poems of your own in Spanish. The Haiku model can be used, but do not feel limited to this if your poetic juices start flowing in a different direction!

You will turn your poems in via e-mail. However, first you will review them with your Spanish professors as a means of cleaning up any grammatical errors.

EVALUACIÓN) ASSESSMENT

- Finishes at least 2 poems: 50%
- Works with professors on improving poems: 50%