

Creative Writing Assignment for The Whale Rider

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Select TWO from the following prompts. PLEASE do not be concerned with rhyme. Instead focus on fresh imagery and engaging figurative language. You MUST give each of your writing a meaningful title. Use a standard font, please.

1. Write a set of three haiku entitled The Whale Rider or Song of the Deep. You must include at least two of the vocabulary words given by your teacher.
2. Write a poem about listening to an orchestra or a jazz band. Use at least two of the vocabulary words in the poem.
3. Watch some video clips of whales and then write a poem about whales in general or about something specific you saw in one of the clips. Include at least two vocabulary words.
4. Write a sonnet in blank verse (unrhymed iambic pentameter – i.e. 10 syllables to a line). Adopt the voice of one of the whales. Include at least two vocabulary words.
5. Write a paragraph from the point of view of a whale (any kind) that is help in captivity either at an aquarium or an amusement park.
6. Write a lullaby (at least 3 verses) that Nanny Flowers might have sung to Kahu when she was a baby. Make effective use of refrain and repetition.