

**VIDEO**

# Day & Night: Rhyme Schemes

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**GRADE 7****TYPE****POETRY**

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**WHAT YOUR STUDENTS WILL LEARN**

Congratulations to 826 Digital Writers’ Showcase Finalist, Eloise Combs! Watch her video and see the lesson below to learn how to write your own rhyme schemes in a poem. Read more about Eloise and the other finalists at

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**WHAT YOU WILL DO**

Not all poems have to rhyme, but when they do, they generally use “rhyme scheme.” This is a term that describes specific sounds in a poem. When you want to identify the rhyme scheme in a poem, look at the last word in each line. In this lesson, you will analyze the impact of rhymes on a specific stanza of a poem. You will also write a poem with your own unique sound and rhyme scheme.

**STEP 1**

Watch the video and follow along with the Mentor Text on page 1 of the [Rhyme Schemes — Handout](#). After you’ve watched the video, read the Mentor Text out loud to yourself (this part is important—poetry is a lot like music; it’s meant to

be listened to!). Then, answer these questions in your writing journal: How does the poem make you feel? How does the rhyme scheme of the poem add to that feeling?

## STEP 2

On page 2 of the handout, the rhyme scheme of each stanza of the Mentor Text is identified. Read the poem out loud again and answer these questions in your writing journal:

- What did you notice about how the rhyme scheme was used in the poem?
- How did the different rhyme schemes change the mood or feeling in the poem?
- Why do you think the author chose to use different rhyme schemes throughout the poem?

## STEP 3

Rhyme schemes can help convey specific moods, or they can have a specific purpose. The Mentor Text changes up the rhyme scheme when the narrator asks a question, which adds to the mysterious tone. Follow the directions on page 3 to practice identifying rhyme scheme and how rhyme scheme adds to the overall feeling of a song or poem.

## STEP 4

Finally, you will write your rhyming poem on page 4. Choose a rhyme scheme that supports the tone and purpose you'd like your poem to achieve. Follow the instructions on page 4 of the handout.

## MATERIALS

- Day & Night Video
- [Rhyme Schemes — Handout](#)
- Writing journal and writing utensil