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Suggestions for Writing Powerful Poetry

- Powerful poets think about and write about the tiny details and small actions that make the poem come alive.
- Strong emotions can be the start of powerful poems.
- Strong emotions can be used throughout the poem.
- Powerful poets use rhythm and line breaks in their poems. Rhythm and line breaks make the “music” in the poem.
- Powerful poets **SOMETIMES USE metaphors and similes in their poems BUT DO NOT OVERUSE THEM.**

- Powerful poets SOMETIMES USE onomatopoeia in their poems BUT DO NOT OVERUSE IT.
- Powerful poets SOMETIMES USE alliteration in their poems BUT DO NOT OVERUSE IT.
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- Powerful poets SOMETIMES USE compare and contrast in their poems BUT DO NOT OVERUSE IT.
- Powerful poets SOMETIMES USE rhyming in their poems BUT DO NOT OVERUSE IT.
- Powerful poets SOMETIMES USE repetition in their poems BUT DO NOT OVERUSE IT.
- The last lines of your poem are your gift to the reader. Powerful poets leave the reader with an image or question that is surprising or beautiful.