

ELA Poetry Lesson Plan (Designed for a 40 minute class)

Read Psalm 56 (10 minutes)

- Read the psalm aloud once.
 - Then have students read it again silently to themselves.
 - Review “Hebrew rhyming” (repetition and expansion of imagery and metaphor).
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Writing Assignment (20 minutes)

Prompt (write on the board or distribute on paper):

Students will write a 5-10 line psalm. Instructions:

1. Make sure to follow the subject matter of Psalm 56 (plea for mercy/trust in the Lord during a trial)
 2. Use figurative language and imagery to describe God, the trial, the emotions
 3. Employ Hebrew poetic devices like repetition and expansion
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Share (10 minutes)

- Ask for volunteers to share their poems with the class or do a pair-share
- Collect all written work before dismissal