

Directions for Writing Color Poems

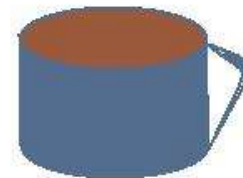
Look at the pattern for the color poem below. The poem begins with a metaphor that gives a feeling about the color according to the poet. The next three lines are similes that give examples or supporting details about the first line.

metaphor Yellow is happiness
simile like time spent with my best friend
simile like a day in the summer sun
simile as warm as a purring kitten in my lap



Try this: (Don't worry if you don't like brown, you can choose to write about a different color later.)

1. Brainstorm in either a list or web form things that are brown. (Some suggestions: mud, chocolate, my cat, dead leaves, my favorite sweater.) Try to look beyond the obvious.
2. Find a feeling or character attribute that generalizes the ideas you have about brown. (Mine is warmth.)
3. Write that general statement as a metaphor: Brown is _____.
4. Write two or three events or experiences that support your main idea.



Here is my finished poem:

Brown is warmth
like the newly turned over soil in my garden
like my favorite sweater
as comforting as a cup of hot chocolate on a cool day.