

Ekphrastic Poetry – A Picture is Worth a Thousand Words

Ekphrastic poetry is simply defined as a poem that is inspired and written about a piece of art. Art can be a photo, painting, sculpture, exhibit, mural, dance/theater, piece of music and more. Basically, if it's art then we can write a poem about it!

Today you will select one piece of art and/or artifact and collect information about the piece. With this information (also known as a WORD BANK) you will write a poem. Let's get started.

Title of piece:

Artist Name:

Type of art and dimensions:

Describe the art piece/artifact. Use lots of detail. What shapes do you see? Colors? What type of textures are used in the art piece/artifact (rough, jagged shapes, soft, smooth, etc.). Is the art piece very big? Is it very small? Descriptive language please!

How does the art piece/artifact make you FEEL? Please sit with and meditate on the art piece for a while. Next you will write about how it makes you FEEL. What thoughts, emotions, or questions come to mind as you observe the piece of art?
