

An Ode to:

Learn how to write your own poem!

Books of hours were devoted to parts of daily life that were very important to the reader. An ode is a poem written to express deep feelings for something or someone. Practice writing a poem about something very important to you!

Step 1: Choose your subject!

Think of something or someone that brings you joy. Create a short list of these things or people, then choose one to be your subject.

Step 2: Brainstorm!

- Create a list of adjectives you to describe your subject.
- Make a list of reasons your subject brings you joy.
- Write down how your subject affects your senses.

Step 3: Write!

Your poem should express your thoughts and feelings so it does not have to be a certain length. Start by writing 2-3 stanzas, or sections, with 3-4 lines in each stanza. This is just a starting point, so make yours as long or as short as you want!

Tips:

- Your poem can rhyme, but it does not have to.
- Be sure to really share your emotion, tell your subject how you feel.
- Get extra creative by drawing a picture of your subject or setting your poem to music.