



Fun with Haikus!

Age: Any **Length:** 15-20 minutes

Activity: Write & recite fun haikus about the Project Chimps sanctuary.

Explain: A haiku is a short Japanese poem & they have been written as early as the 13th century. A traditional Japanese haiku is a three-line poem with seventeen syllables, written in a 5/7/5 syllable count. Haikus often focus on images from nature & emphasize simplicity, intensity, and directness of expression.

As a group choose 6-8 words inspired by the sanctuary. Take 5-7 minutes to write haikus based on these words. Allow students to recite their haikus to the group.

Sample: sanctuary, chimpanzees, love, free, outside, happy

Many Chimpanzees

They look so happy outside

I love they are free

Outside chimpanzees

I love that they are all free

May they be happy