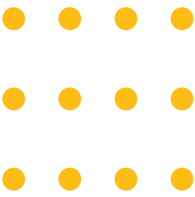




STATEWIDE  
STAR PARTY

# My Moon Poem INSTRUCTION SHEET



## MATERIALS

- Pencil, markers
- My Moon Poem worksheet

## WHAT TO DO

1. Read examples of Moon poetry. The Moon has long been a source of inspiration to poets!
2. Select from among the three poetry styles to the right.
3. Write your own Moon poem.

### ACROSTIC

The first letter of each line of the poem spells out the topic of the poem.

*Example:*

**M**ay  
**O**ur only neighbor  
**O**ffer us illuminated  
**N**ights

### BLACKOUT

A poem that is created by erasing or blacking out unwanted words from existing text.

*Example:*

International Observe the Moon Night is a time to come together with fellow Moon enthusiasts and curious people worldwide to celebrate Earth's closest neighbor, learn about lunar science and exploration, take part in celestial observations, and honor cultural and personal connections to the Moon. We encourage everyone to interpret, observe, and broadly share their experiences.

International Observe the Moon Night occurs annually in September or October, when the Moon is around first quarter — a great phase for evening observing. A first quarter Moon offers excellent viewing opportunities along the terminator (the half-day/night and half-light/half-dark line) where shadows enhance the Moon's features.

To join the fun, you can observe Moon Night from wherever you are. Attend an event, watch a live stream, or observe the Moon from your backyard. Find out how lunar enthusiasts around the world are observing the Moon on your favorite social media platform and the International Observe the Moon Night Flickr group.

Wherever you are, wherever you may be, we're glad to have you with us."

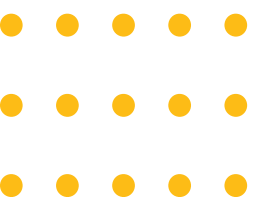
Text source: <https://moon.nasa.gov/observe-the-moon-night/about/overview/>

### COUPLET

A two-lined poem that typically rhymes and expresses a complete thought or idea. Each line has the same number of syllables.

*Example:*

**The Moon holds many secrets of the night,  
and whispers its secrets in broad daylight.**



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