Think of an important event in your life, then write a poem about the moments just before or just after the event.

Think of a subject that “eats away at you” and write a poem that exaggerates it.

Write about something you love from the perspective of someone who hates it.

Think of something tiny and write about it, making it seem large.

Imagine you are an inanimate object. What is it like?

Write about something that no one else seems ever to have noticed ... a time, place or thing, or a common occurrence (like the oil spot on the driveway, water draining from the bathtub, stepping off a bus, etc.)
**ABC Frame** (the first letter of each line in the poem spells out the topic)

SuperCamp
Standing at registration alone,
Unsure about where I am.
Promises made to come here,
Everyone seems weird.
Replace old ideas with new,
Cement has trapped me in the past.
About to face a new start,
Me and my new friends have courage.
Promises I can keep.

**Repetition Frame** (repeat a phrase or word)

But You Didn’t

by Stan Gebhardt

I looked at you and smiled the other day
I thought you’d see me but you didn’t
I said “I love you” and waited for what you would say
I thought you’d hear me but you didn’t
I asked you to come outside and play ball with me
I thought you’d follow me but you didn’t
I drew a picture just for you to see
I thought you’d save it but you didn’t
I made a fort for us back in the woods
I thought you’d camp with me but you didn’t
I found some worms ‘n’ such for fishing if we could
I thought you’d want to but you didn’t
I told you about the game hoping you’d be there
I thought you’d surely come but you didn’t
I asked you to share my youth with me
I thought you’d want to but you couldn’t
My country called me to war, you asked me
to come home safely
But I didn’t.
poetry frames: short ones!

LANTERN POEM
Directions:

1. first line: one-syllable noun
2. 2nd line: describe the noun (two syllables)
3. 3rd line: describe the noun (three syllables)
4. 4th line: describe the noun (four syllables)
5. 5th line: a 1-syllable word similar to the original noun

Example:

Cats
Furry
Creepy, yes
And also smug
Gross

BIOGRAPHY POEM
Directions:

1. Line 1: Yes, that's me
2. Line 2: Look and you'll see
3. Line 3: My hair (descriptive line about hair)
4. Line 4: My eyes (descriptive line about eyes)
5. Line 5: My arms (descriptive line about arms)
6. Line 6: My hands (descriptive line about hands)
7. Line 7: My heart (descriptive line about heart)
8. Line 8: I'm (descriptive line about themselves)
9. Line 9: I never (something you never do)
10. Line 10: My friends (what they think of you)
11. Line 11: I live (what gives your life meaning)
12. Line 12: I hope (a hope for the future)
13. Line 13: I dream (a dream of how you would like things to be)
14. Line 14: It's all clear as can be.
15. Line 15: That’s positively, absolutely me.

HAIKU
Directions:

1. first line: five syllables
2. 2nd line: seven syllables
3. 3rd line: five syllables

Example:

Help I think I'm Trapped!
It's cold and dark inside this
Refrigerator.