



April is National Poetry Month, so take the next 30 days to try your hand at some poetry. Complete at least ten activities from the 30 suggested activities at right (or challenge yourself to try all 30!) to earn your Poetry fun patch.

For more information on any of the terms or definitions, and for more poems, visit [www.poets.org](http://www.poets.org).

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# National Poetry Month

1	Write an <i>ode</i> to April Fool's Day. (Ode: a poem written to a person, place, event, or thing.)	16	Buy or borrow a book of poetry.
2	Visit Poets.org and browse their poetry collections.	17	Record yourself reading or reciting a poem. Post it (with permission!) online and tag #NationalPoetryMonth.
3	Read a book written in poetry instead of prose.	18	Create an <i>erasure</i> from an old magazine or book page. (Erasure, also called a <i>blackout poem</i> : created by erasing/ blacking out all but chosen words in a text.)
4	Visit your local library for a poetry event.	19	Donate a book of poetry to a Little Free Library.
5	Host a poetry reading in your community.	20	Take a walk outside and write a poem as you go.
6	Write an <i>acrostic</i> using your name. (Acrostic: a poem where the first letter of each line spells a word.)	21	Celebrate "Poem in Your Pocket Day."
7	Read about your state poet laureate.	22	Read or write a <i>haiku</i> in honor of Earth Day. (Haiku has three lines; lines 1 and 3 have 5 syllables and line 2 has 7.)
8	Perform a poem for your Girl Scout troop.	23	Illustrate a favorite song. (Songs are poems too!)
9	Learn about Poetry Out Loud competitions.	24	Listen to an episode of the "Poem-a-Day" podcast.
10	Write a <i>sonnet</i> about your Girl Scout troop. (Sonnet: a 14 line poem with an ABAB, CDCD, EFEF, GG rhyme scheme.)	25	Write an <i>exquisite corpse</i> poem with your troop. (Yes, this is really what it's called! It's a game; check Poets.org for rules.)
11	Create your own poster for National Poetry Month.	26	Share some poems with a group of younger Girl Scouts.
12	Choose a poem you like and make a tune for it.	27	Listen to a poem by a Youth Poet Laureate.
13	Begin your troop meeting with a poetry reading.	28	Choose a poem you've written and illustrate it.
14	Write a <i>free verse</i> poem about a Girl Scout event you attended. (Free verse: poetry with no set form, rhyme, or meter.)	29	Write a <i>concrete poem</i> about something in nature. (Concrete poems have no meter but are written to look like their subject.)
15	Do an interpretive dance while a friend reads a poem.	30	Combine your poems and drawings into a <i>chapbook</i> . (A small, paperback book of poems.)