

Color Poem

Directions: In this poem you're going to write about a color. Use the prewriting chart below to think of things that relate to or can be associated with the color you've chosen. Then use the ideas from your chart to write a poem similar to the examples on the other side. Try and use alliteration, a simile, and onomatopoeia in your poem. Your poem should be a minimum of eight lines long.

Prewriting Chart

What is _____?

sounds	smells	tastes	touch/texture	sights	feelings

Examples:

What is Blue?

Blue is the color of the sky
Without a cloud
Cool, distant, beautiful
And proud.
Blue is the quiet sea
And the eyes of some people,
And many agree
As they grow older and older
Blue is the scarf Spring wears on her shoulder.
Blue is twilight,
Shadows on snow,
Blue is a feeling
Way down low.

Blue is a heron,
A sapphire ring,
You can smell blue
In many a thing:
Gentian and larkspur
Forget-me-nots, too.
And if you listen
You can hear blue
In wind over water
And wherever flax blooms
And when evening steps into
Lonely rooms.
Cold is blue:
Flame shot from a welding torch
Is, too:
Hot, wild, screaming, blistering Blue—
And on winter mornings,
The dawns are blue . . .

by Mary O'Neill
from her book *Hailstones and Halibut Bones*

What is Purple?

purple is grape juice splattered on a shirt
or a bunch of lilacs in a tiny fist.
purple is the rush of wind
through the almond tree
and a bowl of plums chilling in the refrigerator.
purple tastes like a bubbly Nehi soda,
sipped through a striped straw.
it feels like the plush softness
of my mother's robe.
purple is the deep dull darkness of the sky
just before the sun drops down
and the smooth shiny brightness
of my amethyst ring.
purple is how i feel when my children
are laughing all around me
and the soft sinking feeling
when i finally fall to sleep.

by Tesha Drewberry

What is Red?

Red is my bad side
Fist clenched with anger
Hot cheeks
Stomach knot
Ears ringing
When they mutter
Under their breath
Words I'm not supposed to hear.
But I hear.

by Sondra Gonzalez