

## A Haiku Variation:

This summary of the Haiku comes from <http://WritingFix.org>

**Hey Writers and Teachers!** If seventeen syllables doesn't seem like enough, try using seventeen words instead and making this variation of the Haiku we promote at WritingFix.

All Haikus are valued for their lightness, simplicity, openness, and depth. To create this variation of a traditional Haiku, use these basic rules:

- Use no more than 17 words
- Arrange these often in lines of 5-7-5 words
- Avoid similes and metaphors
- Retain traditional values of lightness, simplicity, openness, and depth

Two content-based haikus written (in chunks of three) that use 17 words instead of 17 syllables:

### Agent Orange

Military herbicide used in Vietnam.  
Orange band on canister explains its name.  
Fiery death to tropic jungles.

Two chemicals with numeric names.  
Mix in kerosene or some diesel fuel.  
19 million gallons were dropped.

Dioxins caused critical health problems  
For veterans years later. Class action suit  
in 1979 sued the manufacturer.

--Joel D.

### Geometry

Here's a closed plane figure.  
Straight lines around. Vertices are angled corners.  
Equal sides and vertices...polygon.

If on your pretty polygon  
You've all sides and all angles equal,  
You have a *regular* polygon.

If on your pretty polygon,  
Inequality describes your sides and your angles,  
Then you've an *irregular* polygon.

--Cyndi S.