**Title:** Favorite Animal Poems  
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**Grade level:** 2nd-3rd Grade  
**Time frame:** 1 hour

**Objective:** Students will explore why they like their favorite animal and write a poem describing that animal.

**Prior knowledge and skills:** None

**Required materials:** Paper, pencils, and worksheets (see attachment)

**Literary model:** The Tyger by William Blake  
[https://www.poetryfoundation.org/poems/43687/the-tyger](https://www.poetryfoundation.org/poems/43687/the-tyger)

**Sequence of activities:**

**Discuss Favorite Animals ~ 25 Minutes**  
Ask students to think about what their favorite animal is and why. We went around the classroom and each student had a turn to talk about why they liked their favorite animal.

**Individual Shape Poems ~ 35 Minutes**  
Distribute worksheets and explain the worksheet has 3 steps. Students should be directed to:

1. Draw a picture of their favorite animal.  
2. Write 5 descriptive words about that animal.  
3. Write a poem using all 5 words.

At the end of class, we had enough time for 4 students to come to the front of the class and read their poem to the class.
Draw a Picture of your favorite animal here:

Write 5 words describing your favorite animal here:

1. ____________________________________________________________________

2. ____________________________________________________________________

3. ____________________________________________________________________

4. ____________________________________________________________________

5. ____________________________________________________________________
Write a poem about your favorite animal here using all 5 words.