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Writing · Poem

Key Features of a Poem

- uses verse to communicate ideas
- may use poetic techniques, such as rhyme or sound patterns
- includes carefully chosen words to create a strong effect

An Autumn Day When I Was Ten

I raked the leaves into a mountain of yellow and red.
With no cloud in the sky and the sun shining,
I lay on the soft peak like a climber going to bed.

Then I swish and shuffle fast and furious with my feet,
The leaves crackle and crunch like brown burnt paper.
Dizzy, I dance on the leaves until I feel weak and beat.

Now, fiery, bright sun explodes through maple, oak, and pine.
Leaves float down from their homes on long branches,
Soon to be part of this golden mountain of mine.

1. List three examples of alliteration used in the poem.

2. What words in the poem create a strong effect?

3. What is an example of assonance used in the poem?

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