

# Poetry

## *Diamante/Diamond*

This poem's text forms the shape of a diamond, as seen in many types of masks. Create a mask and use the diamante poetry form to describe it.

Left: Bamileke, *Elephant Mask*, 1900–50, cotton cloth, flannel, glass beads, raffia cloth, indigo dye, and cane, the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, gift of the Brown Foundation, Inc., with additional funds provided by the Brown Foundation Accessions Endowment Fund, 97.341.

Right: Bobo peoples, *Helmet Mask with Buffalo Horns*, 1900–10, wood and paint, the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, gift of D. and J. de Menil in memory of Dr. Jermaine MacAgy, 64.13.



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Subject/noun

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Two adjectives that describe subject

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Three verbs ending in "ing" that describe what subject does

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Four nouns that the top noun and the bottom noun have

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Three verbs ending in "ing" that the bottom noun does

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Two adjectives that describe the bottom noun

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One word noun that is the opposite  
of the top noun/subject

### Related LTA Resources

- Peaceable Kingdom Unit, grade 1
- Masks Unit, grade 4
- African Art Unit, grade 6

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