

# POEMS TO INSPIRE TITLES



DO YOUR STUDENTS STRUGGLE TO COME UP  
WITH EFFECTIVE TITLES FOR THEIR WRITING?



POEMS PROVIDE A RICH VARIETY OF  
MENTOR TITLES FOR ANY GENRE.

## A SINGLE WORD

These titles may employ allusion, stimulating the reader's background knowledge, or they may conjure a quick image.

"Rosa" by Rita Dove or "Murmuration" by Barbara Crooker or "Sunset" by Effie Lee Newsome

## PREPOSITION SETTINGS

These titles provide instant transportation for the reader to a time or place.

"At Blackwater Pond" by  
Mary Oliver

"In the Shed"  
by Mary Logue

## NOUN + PREPOSITIONAL PHRASE

These titles are slightly more focused and specific than just a prepositional phrase.

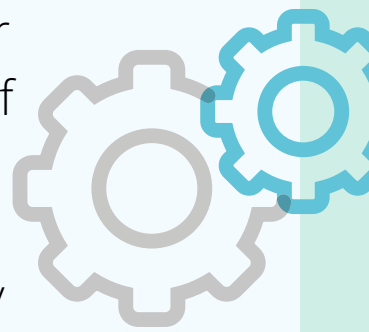
"Evening on the Lawn"  
by Gary Soto

"Child on Top of a  
Greenhouse"  
by Theodore Roethke

## ADJ + NOUN

These titles  
tease the reader  
with a preview of  
the content.

"Spare Parts" by  
Trish Dugger



## A PARTICIPIAL PHRASE

These titles are longer than the others are an invitation to ask "why" and "how"

"Getting It Right" by Kevin  
Carey

"Acquainted With the Night"  
by Robert Frost

"Burning the Old Year" by  
Naomi Shihab Nye

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