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Grade 7: Lesson 7 Write a poem using a structure similar to “Annabel Lee.”

“Annabel Lee”

By Edgar Allan Poe

It was many and many a year ago,
In a kingdom by the sea,
That a maiden there lived whom you may know
By the name of Annabel Lee;
5 And this maiden she lived with no other
thought Than to love and be loved
by me.

She was a child and I was a child,
In this kingdom by the sea;
But we loved with a love that was more than love-
10 I and my Annabel Lee;
With a love that the winged seraphs of heaven
Coveted her and me.

And this was the reason that, long ago,
In this kingdom by the sea,
15 A wind blew out of a cloud
by night Chilling my
Annabel Lee;

20 In this kingdom by the sea.

The angels, not half so happy in heaven,
Went envying her and me-
Yes! - that was the reason (as all men know,
In this kingdom by the sea)
25 That the wind came out of a cloud by
night, Chilling and killing my
Annabel Lee.

But our love it was stronger by far than the love
Of those who were older than we-
Of many far wiser than we-
30 And neither the angels in heaven above,
Nor the demons down under
the sea,
Can ever dissever my soul from the soul
Of the beautiful Annabel Lee.

For the moon never beams without bringing me dreams
Of the beautiful Annabel Lee;

In her sepulchre there by the sea,
In her tomb by the side of the sea.

Task: Think of a hobby that you simply love to do. Tell the story of you and your love for that hobby, but do it using the fairy tale structure we discussed Poe used in “Annabel Lee”. Remember, the important thing to keep in mind is your structure should start with a positive tone, move into a darker tone, lighten the tone up again, and finally finish with a very dark tone. Also, be sure to pattern your rhyme scheme after that of the poem. Force your reader into that sing song sound when they read your poem aloud.

Finally, share with someone, and have them read it aloud to you so you can hear it.