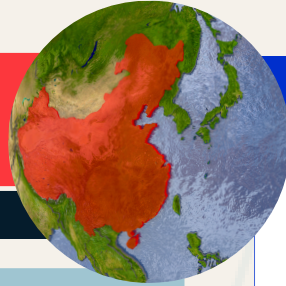


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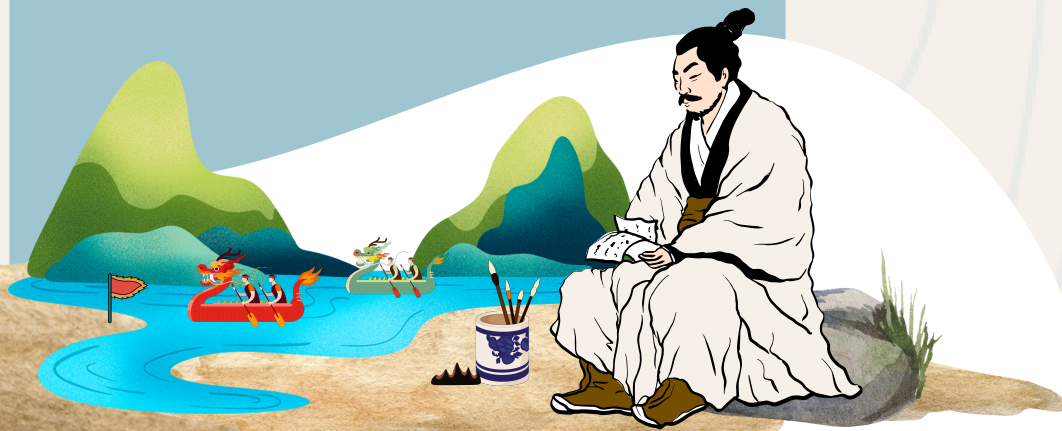
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Global Links



Dragon Boat Festival is a Chinese festival that is celebrated on the 5th day or the 5th lunar month every year. In China it is a public holiday with schools and most businesses closed.

It is an important cultural festival that commemorates the life of a famous Chinese scholar, Qu Yuan, who wrote many famous poems. During Dragon Boat Festival, poetry writing and poetry competitions are commonly held.



Poetry exists in all cultures around the world, with specific styles and formats developed over time that we can link to various countries and cultures.

Whether it is a Haiku from Japan, a Sonnet (made famous by William Shakespeare from England), a Villanelle from France or an Ode from Ancient Greece, poetry is a fun way to explore different global links.



ENG

Vocabulary

a poem (n)



shī
诗

to write (v)



xiě
写

to read (v)



dú
读

Curriculum Links

English

Explore!

Learn more about different types of Poetry!



[9 different types of poetry, Puffin](#)

Chinese Poets

Older students may like to explore Chinese poets and their poetry. Their poetry provides a window into ancient China and daily life there, referencing war, peasants and geographic landmarks, such as The Yellow River.



[10 Iconic Chinese Poems](#)

Method

- 1 Ask students which types of poetry they know about or what they know about writing poetry.
- 2 Decide on a format together for students to write a poem about Dragon Boat Festival or their own festival
- 3 Students explore the Dragon Boat Festival through activities and videos together.
- 4 Students work individually, pairs or groups to write their own poems.



Explore!

Ask students to visit their school or local library to find out more about different types of poetry and ways to write poetry.



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