

Limericks

Limericks are short, light-hearted poems that **satirize** politics, the customs of society, or public figures.

Limericks follow these rules:

- Five lines long
- Rhyme scheme is A, A, B, B, A
- Lines 1, 2, and 5 have 8-10 syllables.
- Lines 3 and 4 have 5-6 syllables.

Example: Lady Macbeth

A Lady Macbeth can talk the talk

A Doing the deed? She does balk.

B Once the murdering starts

B She seems to lose heart,

A And off the deep end she does
walk.

Example: Banquo

- (8) I thought that Macbeth was a friend,
- (8) But he wanted my nice life to end.
- (5) My son he did fear,
- (5) Death caused him no tear;
- (8) I will haunt Macbeth to the end.

- Write four *Macbeth*-related limericks for Tuesday.
- Mark the poetic meter of one of your four limericks.
- Make the limericks look cool on a sheet of paper.

Possible Options:

- ✓ Describe and evaluate a major character in your limerick
 - ✓ Macbeth, Lady Macbeth, Banquo, Duncan, Macduff, Fleance, Malcolm
- ✓ Create a pro-Macbeth or anti-Macbeth limerick from the perspective of another character
- ✓ Summarize the plot thus far