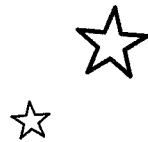


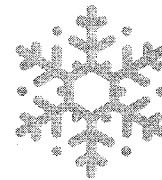
Cinquain

Pink sky
turns to purple
as the sun slides behind
the mountains and day slowly turns
to night.



Stillness
of night deepens:
stars are scattered across
black velvet sky in glorious
array.

Snowflakes
dance in the square
of light from a window
as a man sits, quiet and still,
and waits.



Oh, cat
are you grinning
curled in the window seat
as sun warms you this December
morning?

Name _____ Date _____

Looking at Cinquains

- 1** After you reread the sample cinquains,
- ⊙ mark off the syllables in each line;
 - ⊙ write the number of syllables at the end of each line;
 - ⊙ determine how many syllables are in each poem.

- 2** For each poem, underline all the sensory words, then complete the following:

Poem 1

1. What is the central image in this poem? _____
2. How does the poem make you feel? _____
3. Circle any word that helps create this feeling.

Poem 2

1. What is the central image in this poem? _____
2. How does the poem make you feel? _____
3. Circle any word that helps create this feeling.

Poem 3

1. What is the central image in this poem? _____
2. How does the poem make you feel? _____
3. Circle any word that helps create this feeling.

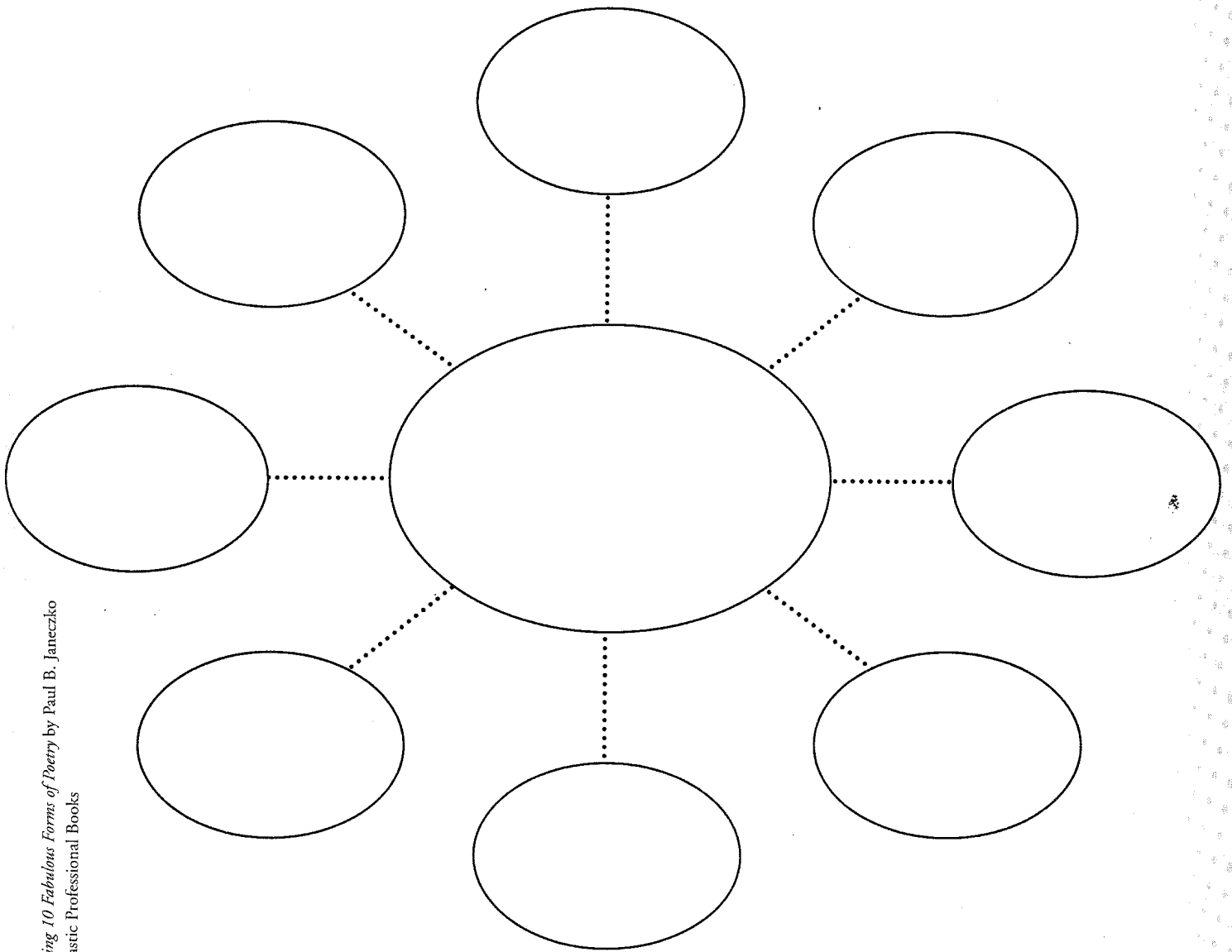
Poem 4

1. What is the central image in this poem? _____
2. How does the poem make you feel? _____
3. Circle any word that helps create this feeling.

Name _____ Date _____

Picturing a Scene for Your Cinquain

Your cinquain should have a central image. You may want to use a scene or an object that you can actually observe and take notes on. Or, you can imagine a scene or object and note what your imagination creates. In either case, use the web below to record your impressions. When you have filled the web with good sensory words—and you should feel free to add more “spokes” to the web—use these words to help you draft your cinquain on a separate sheet of paper.



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Looking at Your Draft



After you have written a draft you like, use this page to help you evaluate your cinquain. You may also ask a friend to help you evaluate your poem, using this same checklist.

☉ **Line Count:** How many lines in your poem? _____

☉ **Syllable Count:** How many syllables in each line of your poem? _____

☉ **Details:** Circle the specific details in your poem and list them here:

☉ **Central Image:** In a word or two, describe the central image of your cinquain:

☉ **Favorite Words:** Underline the words in your poem that you especially like and list them here:

☉ **Feeling:** In a word or two, describe the overall feeling you hope your poem will give a reader.
