



Architecture and poetry are forms of expression that communicate who we are. What we like, what we think about, what is important to us, can be found in both. For this activity, you will create a house poem that you construct from your own experiences.

For more information about this artwork click [here](#).

Christopher Pratt, *House in August*, 1969. Oil on board, 17 ½ x 24 ½ in. (44 x 62 cm)

Activity: Build Your House Poem

Materials:

- Template (attached below)
 - Feel free to draw the house poem template as well
- Pencil or Pen
- Drawing Materials
 - Colored Pencils
 - Markers
 - Paint

Directions:

- To construct your house poem, build your house by writing the different prompts on the designated lines of the house
 1. **Walls/Floor** – Write a few sentences about the people you live with and what you like to do together
 2. **Windows** – Write what your favorite activities and hobbies are around the frames of the windows
 3. **Door** – Pick 5 adjectives to describe yourself and write them on the door frame
 4. **Roof** – Think of some of your favorite memories are and write them down on the roof

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- Once you are finished writing out your different parts of your poem, color in the house with your favorite color and draw in different plants or animals to fill in outside your house poem. Make it even more your own!
- Share with your family and have them create their own personal house poem!

Tips:

- Have fun!
- Use the template as a starting point but let your creativity take you wherever you want to go!
- How does your house look different than one of your sibling's/parent's/friend's houses?

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