TEMPLATE- Dimensions

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WIDTH (Minimum 36 in)

1 WORD COUNT

Submissions should not exceed 300 words or

1,000 characters in total

Including author's name and the year.

WRITING TYPE

- Poems
- Short Stories
- Quotes
- Other

SIDEWALK

The poem or short story should fit within the following area.

Author's Name and the Year will also be included.

HEIGHT VARIES

THEMES AND PROMPTS

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Design Prompts

All design prompts are provided as *inspiration*!

Alternative Ideas

Author's are <u>encouraged to propose alternative concepts and</u> <u>ideas.</u>

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Themes

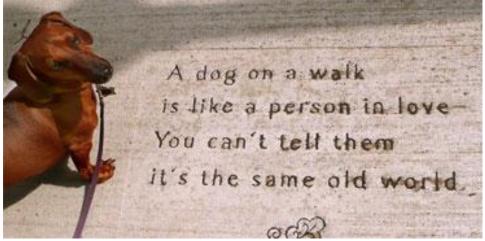
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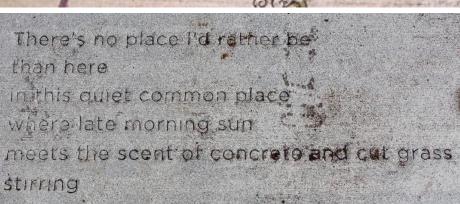
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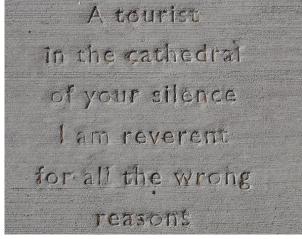
Themes	Prompts
1. Mental Health & Wellness	- Write a short poem celebrating kindness toward yourself or others, or finding light on difficult days.
	- Explore finding calm in a busy or chaotic day.
	- Share a quote or tip you'd want to hear that promotes mental health and wellness.
2. Sports & Teamwork	 Reflect on how sports, teamwork, or building community has shaped you. Explore the power of coming together—friends, family, neighbors—to achieve something meaningful.
	- Write a short poem celebrating collaboration with your peers.
3. Education, Learning, Reading or Storytelling	 Reflect on how learning has changed your world—what doors has knowledge opened for you? Share a quote or piece of advice you wish you had learned early in life. Describe a world you've visited through books or stories.
4. Cultural Heritage & Local Pride	 Write a poem about your city and its traditions. Explore Laredo's unique culture—its food, music, people, or history.
5. Motivation, Encouraging, & Positivity	 Write an uplifting poem encouraging someone to take a step forward. Share a message that would make someone smile or keep going during challenging times. Compose a short, positive poem designed to motivate and inspire others.
6. Environment & Sustainability	 Celebrate the Rio Grande, Laredo's natural beauty, or ways we can protect our home. Share an uplifting quote or short poem about caring for the environment and keeping it clean.
7. Holiday & Seasonal	- Write a poem about the magic of holidays, family traditions, cultural celebrations, or seasonal joy.
8. Playful and Whimsical	 Write a short, playful poem that bends reality. Explore silly, imaginative, or whimsical ideas in your poetry. Use words in surprising ways to make readers see the everyday differently.

SAMPLE Images

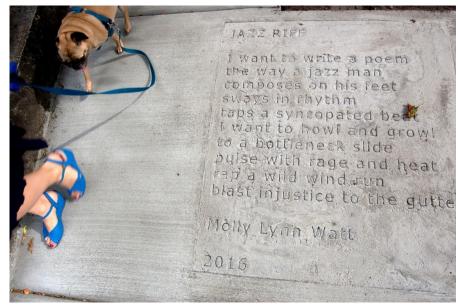
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