Poetry

A **Concrete Poem** has words arranged in the shape of the thing it describes.

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Literary Elements

mental images.

series of words.

Figurative Language uses words to evoke

Alliteration is the repetition of the same consonant sound in a

Edison didn't really squeeze his thoughts into a bulb. This figurative language helps the reader picture how hard Edison was thinking.

Thomas Edison didn't hesitate to let ideas incubate, and try again, if they weren't right. One day to his intense delight, he squeezed his thoughts into a bulb and then turned on the light light light Π

- Joan Bransfield Graham

Lightning Bolt

This use of "kite" and "key" is an example of alliteration.

— Joan Bransfield Graham

Connect and Compare



- Which words in "Lightning Bolt" show figurative language?
 Figurative Language
- 2. What do the shapes of these poems have to do with their topics? Analyze
- **3.** How is the information presented in "Lightning Bolt" similar to the information in *How Ben Franklin Stole the Lightning*? In what ways is it different? **Reading/Writing Across Texts**



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Writer's Craft

A Strong Opening

Good writers start with a **strong opening**. They may lead with an interesting question, quotation, or description.



I started with a strong opening question.

I wanted to recommend a book I liked, so I answered the question.

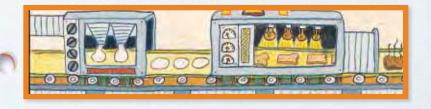
Write a Book Review

Kids' Bright Ideas

by Katie G.

Do you dream of being a great inventor? Then read Invented by Kids by Cynthia Mills. You'll find out about some great ideas by kids. The Auto-Off Candle goes out after a set time. A natural poison wards off mosquitoes while being safe to use in an animal's drinking water.

If you like experimenting with new ideas, I recommend this book. These inventors inspired me. You'll be inspired, too!



Your Turn

Think about a book you have read recently. Would you recommend it to others? Write a book review. Briefly summarize the book. Tell why a reader will or won't enjoy it. Begin with a strong opening. Use the Writer's Checklist to check your writing.



Writer's Checklist



Ideas and Content: Will my **strong opening** grab my readers' attention?



Organization: Did I summarize the book and include details about it?



Voice: Did I make my feelings clear?



Word Choice: Did I choose precise words?



Sentence Fluency: Did I avoid choppy writing by including both short and long sentences?



Conventions: Did I capitalize the main words in the book title? Did I underline the title? Did I check my spelling?