

Creating a Diamante

Have each student write a diamante—a diamond-shaped poem that compares two things—comparing two historical time periods. The example that follows compares Virginia in 1850 with Virginia in the 1990s.

1850
muddy, quiet
bartering, walking, toiling
villages, omnibuses, jets, computers
flying, scheduling, speeding
paved, noisy
1990

Students can create illustrations to go with their poems by dividing a sheet of paper in half diagonally. In the upper half, draw or glue pictures illustrating the older time period. Repeat with the later time period using the bottom half of the page.