

*Poetry Tea Time*  
**WINTER WORKSHOP**

**EXPERIENCE THE**

*Magic*  
**of Poetry**



# DON'T LET POETRY SCARE YOU! UNLOCK ITS MAGIC.

In my opinion, poetry is the number one way to

- introduce children to literature from all over the world
- Increase vocabulary
- Develop essential critical thinking skills
- Sharpen the mind through memorization
- Spark creativity
- Illustrate that literature can be expressed in many different ways
- create the leaders of tomorrow

So how many reasons do you need? Get started today and include poetry within your homeschool.

# BRING POETRY TO LIFE

On the following pages you will find poems, along with fun ways to bring them to life and incorporates them into different subjects and explore them in a hands-on way. Children learn through play and through real life experiences. Not through the flat surface of a piece of paper.

SO you will find that I will include a minimal worksheet style learning. Watch your child's eyes brighten up as they explore learning in a whole new way. Explore science, nature, art, music, geography and more.

In the tree day workshop you will get to go this right along with me and your children so you can see how easy it is.

*Each poem has a page number so you can find it in the book *A Year of Poetry Tea Time*.*

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# A MINUTE WITH MOZART

BY SARA TEASDALE

PG. 22

Across the dimly lighted room  
The violin drew wefts of sound,  
Airily they wove and wound  
And glimmered gold against the gloom.

I watched the music turn to light,  
But at the pausing of the bow,  
The web was broken and the glow  
Was drowned within the wave of night.

## Discussion Questions

What do you picture when she says "Airily they wove and wound?"

What does the "web" represent?

How does the last line make you feel?

## SMARTY PANTS WORD

weft - The weavings that are woven from left to right on a loom when making cloth.

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Sara Teasdale  
1884-1933

She was sick often in her childhood and was educated at home until the age of nine. Her first poem was published in 1907 and her most popular collection of poetry in 1915. She won a Pulitzer in 1917 for her collection titled *Love Songs*.

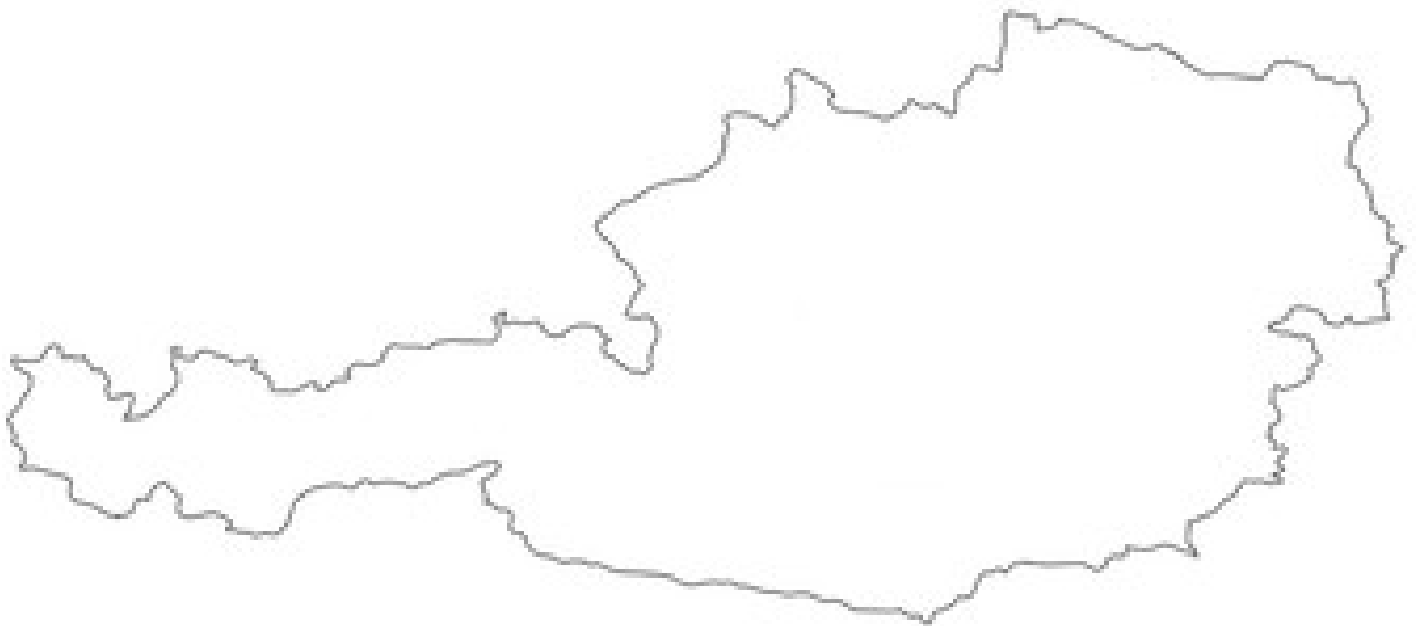


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**Austria** Mark where Salzburg is on the Austria map with a dot or music note.

This is where Mozart grew up.

Also mark the capital of Austria, Vienna, with a star. ★



# ACTIVITY

## EXPLORING MUSIC THROUGH ART AND DANCE.

### What you will need:

- Blank Paper
- Crayons or something else to color or draw with
- Look up online the song "Mozart's Minuet in G, K1" on Youtube
- An open floor space.

The song you have looked up is Mozart's first song that he composed (wrote) when he was only five years old.

1. Have your children lay down on the floor with their eyes closed.
2. Tell the "OK you guys, I am going to play a short song and I want you to picture in your mind what the song makes you think of or feel."
3. Play the song and once it is over invite your children to draw or color as you play the song again.
4. Once they are done drawing let them listen one more time and join them in dancing in any way the music makes them want to move.
5. Ask your children how the music makes them feel.

### Other things to explore:

- How many miles is it from St. Louis Missouri (where Sara Teasdale was born) to Salzburg Austria.
- Discuss what words are used in the poem to describe music as it travels through a room. This is called imagery.

# THE LAND OF COUNTERPANE

BY ROBERT LOUIS STEVENSON

PG. 47

When I was sick and lay a-bed,  
I had two pillows at my head,  
And all my toys beside me lay  
To keep me happy all the day.

And sometimes for an hour or so  
I watched my leaden soldiers go,  
With different uniforms and drills,  
Among the bed-clothes, through the hills;

And sometimes sent my ships in fleets  
All up and down among the sheets;  
Or brought my trees and houses out,  
And planted cities all about.

I was the giant great and still  
That sits upon the pillow-hill,  
And sees before him, dale and plain,  
The pleasant land of counterpane.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

How would you feel if you couldn't get out of bed for weeks and you had no electronics to entertain you? What would you do?

What would it be like to be a real giant and be able to look down upon everything below you?

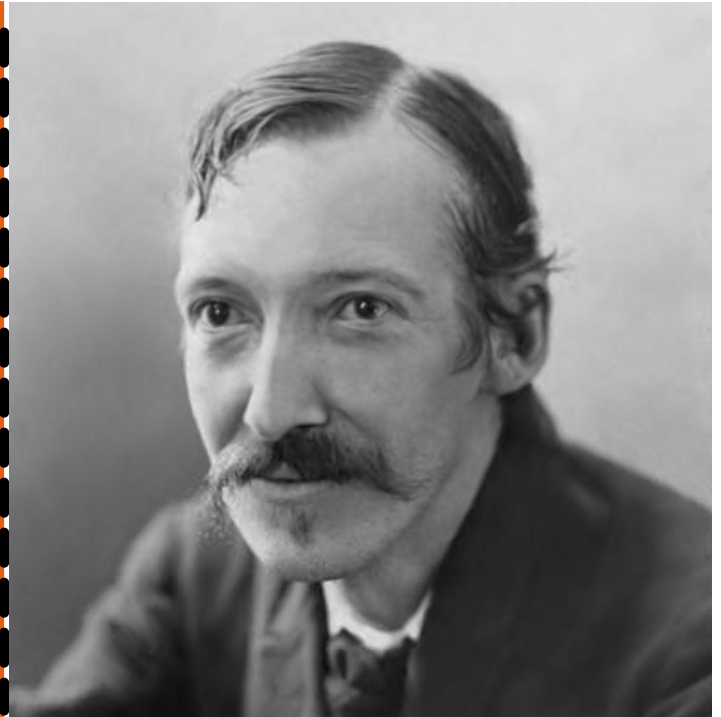
## SMARTY PANTS WORD

leaden - heavy and unable to move, made of lead

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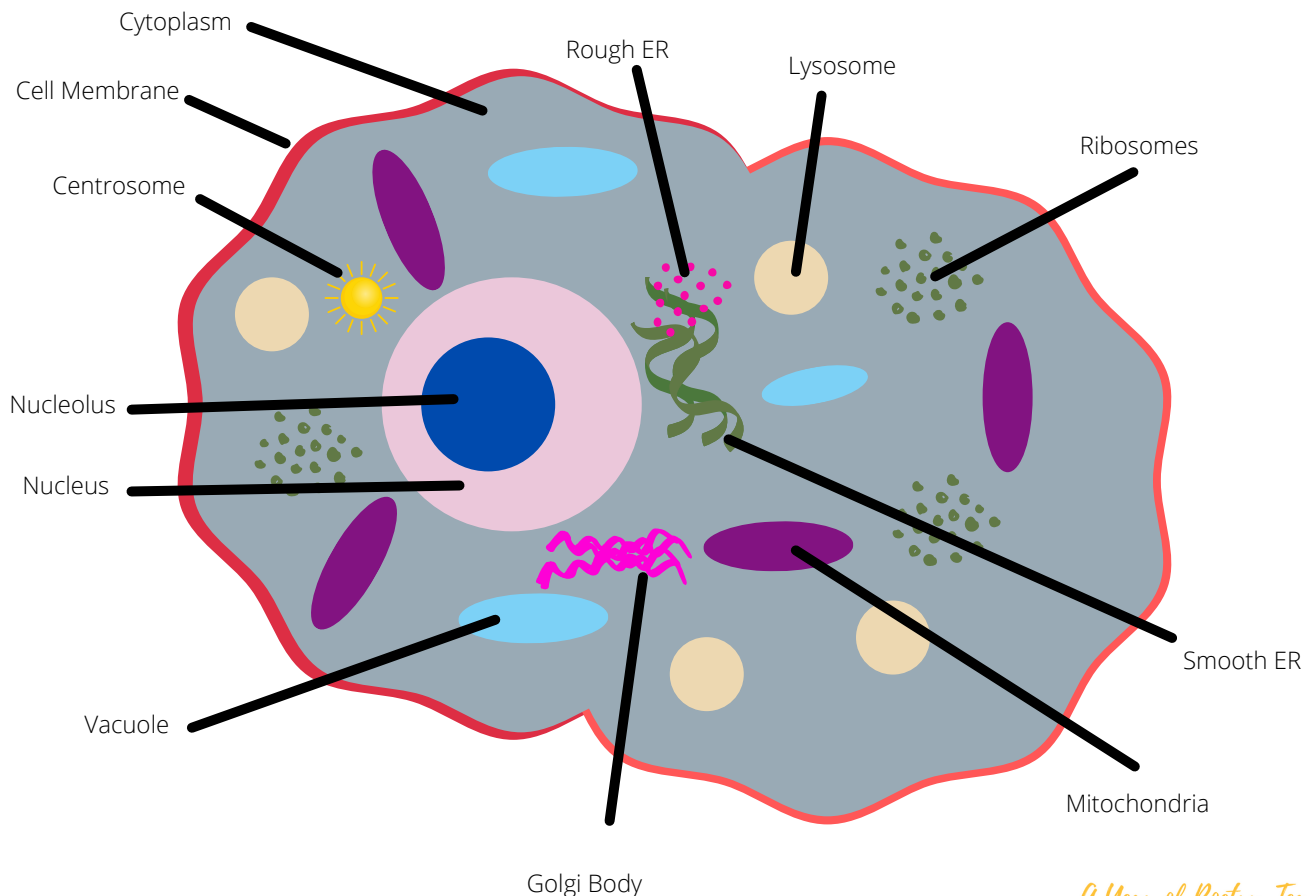
Rober Louis Stevenson  
1850-1894

He was born in Scotland. Even though he had health issues his entire life he loved to travel. He was always writing books or poetry. Besides poetry he is known for Treasure Island, Kidnapped, and Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll ad Mr. Hyde.



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# PARTS OF A HUMAN CELL





# ACTIVITY

## THE IMMUNE SYSTEM

### What you will need:

- A copy of the comic page (following page)
- Crayons or something else to color or draw with
- Look up the video "Cell vs. virus: A battle for health - Shannon Stiles" a TED-Ed
- Candy/food listed on the following page
- Plate, either paper or normal dinner plate
- Printout of the comic page.

### Food Related Activity

1. collect the foods listed on the following page. Feel free to substitute for healthier options.
2. Spread the plasma all over the plate and then let your children duplicate the human cell on the previous page.
3. Talk about the function of each part as your children snack on the part.

### Non Food Related activity

1. Print out the comic page and let your child create a comic illustrating how the immune system works.
2. Share them with each other and if it sounds fun let the kids get dressed up and act it out.

### Other things to explore:

- Draw a GIANT human cell on a paper grocery bag
- Watch a white blood cell eat bacteria
- Learn the parts of the cells song on You Tube

# BUILD AN EDIBLE CELL

## SHOPPING LIST

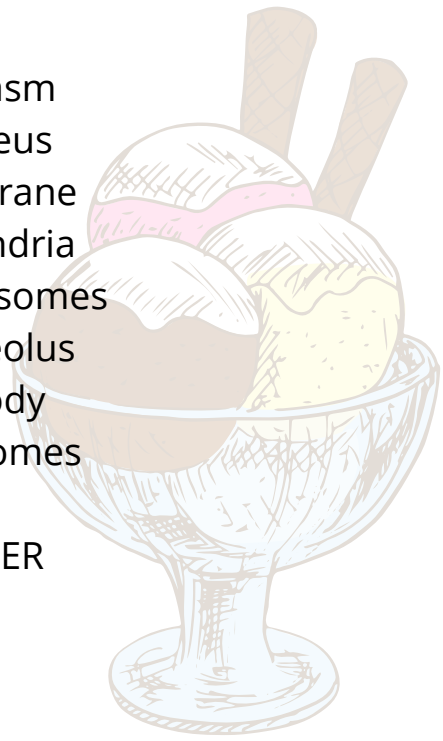
Of course, you have make any of these items from scratch if you would like

### Candy Version

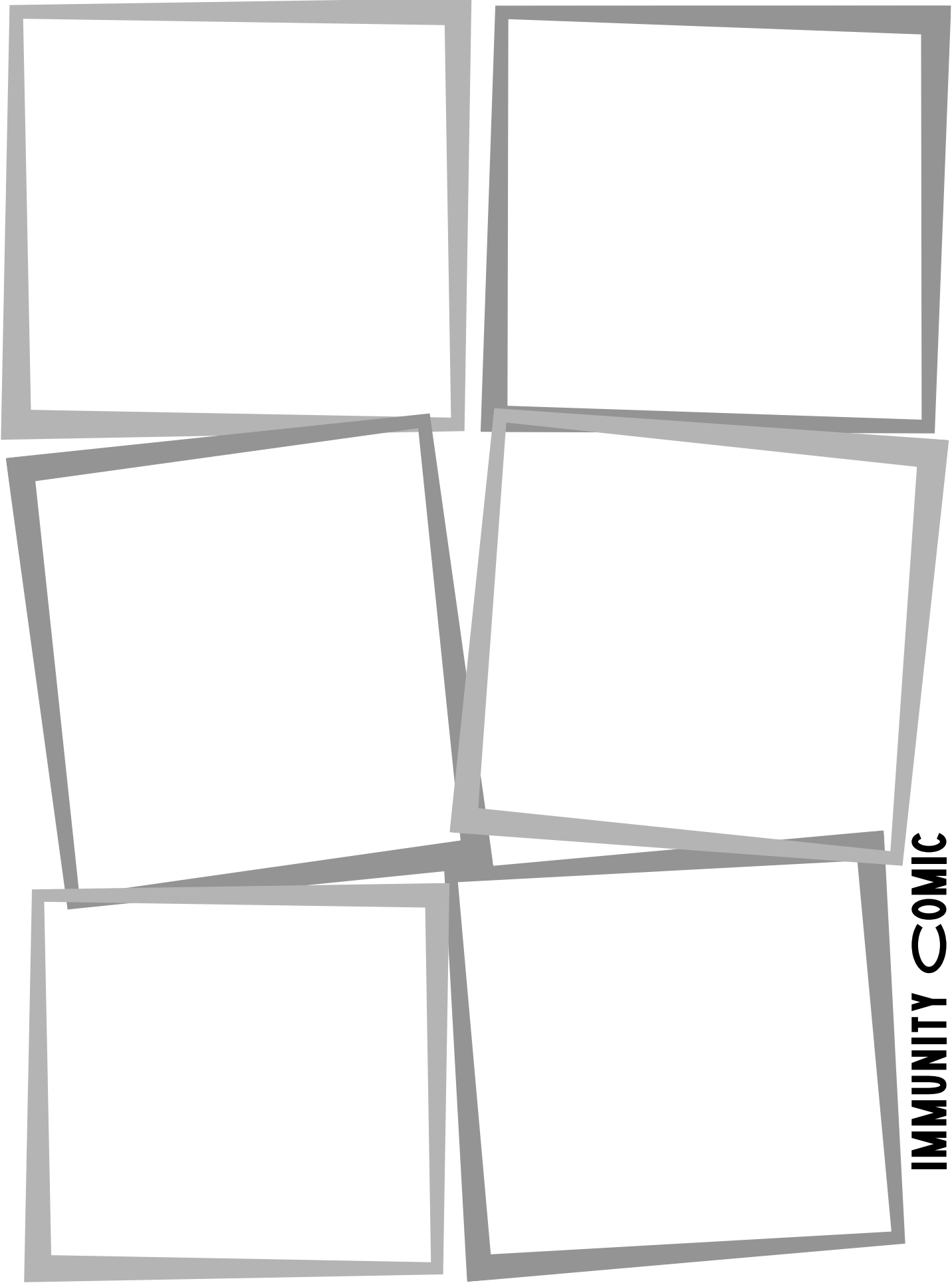


Icing - cytoplasm  
Peanutbutter cups - Nucleus  
red icing - cell membrane  
raisins - mitochondria  
Sweet tart mini chews - Lysosomes  
cherrie sours - Nucleolus  
gummy worms - Golgi Body  
Nerds candy - Ribosomes  
Life Savers - Vacuole  
licorice lace or fruit by the foot - Smooth ER  
Pop rocks - Rough ER

### Sundae Version



Vanilla ice cream - cytoplasm  
Peanutbutter cups - Nucleus  
Hershey syrup - cell membrane  
Chocolate chips - mitochondria  
Sweet tart mini chews - Lysosomes  
Maraschino cherrie - Nucleolus  
gummy worms - Golgi Body  
Crushed pineapple - Ribosomes  
Life Savers - Vacuole  
Caramel sauce - Smooth ER  
peanuts- Rough ER



# **IMMUNITY COMIC**

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# STOPPING BY WOODS ON A SNOWY EVENING

BY ROBERT FROST

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Whose woods these are I think I know.  
His house is in the village though;  
He will not see me stopping here  
To watch his woods fill up with snow.

My little horse must think it queer  
To stop without a farmhouse near  
Between the woods and frozen lake  
The darkest evening of the year.

He gives his harness bells a shake  
To ask if there is some mistake.  
The only other sound's the sweep  
Of easy wind and downy flake.

The woods are lovely, dark and deep,  
But I have promises to keep,  
And miles to go before I sleep,  
And miles to go before I sleep.

## Discussion Questions

Why does it say "But I have Promises to keep?"  
Where do you think he was traveling from?

## Smarty Pants Words

queer - something strange  
downy - to be covered with soft fine hair or feathers

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Robert Frost  
1874-1963

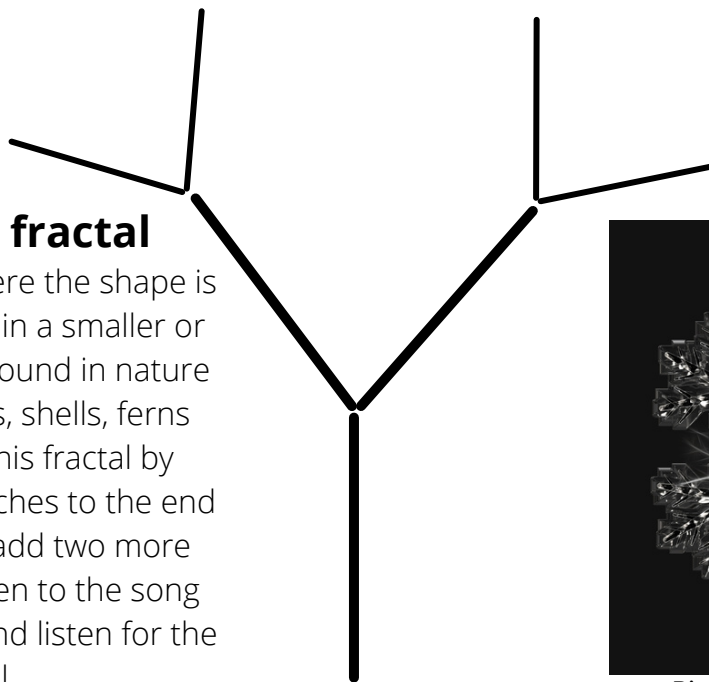
An American poet. His first published poem was in his high schools magazine. I tried many jobs but poetry as his calling. He won many Pulitzer prizes and his first book of poetry was published in England in 1913 titled "A Boy's Will."



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### Complete the fractal

A Fractal is a pattern where the shape is repeated over and over in a smaller or larger size. Fractals are found in nature all the time. Snowflakes, shells, ferns and more. Continue this fractal by adding two smaller branches to the end of every branch. Then add two more to the end of those. Listen to the song "Let it Go" from frozen and listen for the word fractal.



Picture of a real snowflake  
can you see the fractles?

# ACTIVITY

## EXPLORING SNOW

### What you will need:

- Print the snowflake memory card sheet and cut the cards apart.
- white paper or scrap paper to smash into snowballs



### Indoor Snowball fight

Crumple up as many pieces of paper as you would like and have a snowball fight right in your house.

### Snowflake Memory

1. Learn about the three snowflake types below
2. Play memory with the snowflake cards. If the person can name the type snowflake the match is worth two matches.

### 32 Basic Types of Snowflakes

Dendrite - These are tree like and are the kind of snowflakes you see in most snowflake decorations. It has 6 arms that have side



Plates - These look more like a solid crystal with 6 points and flatter wider arms.

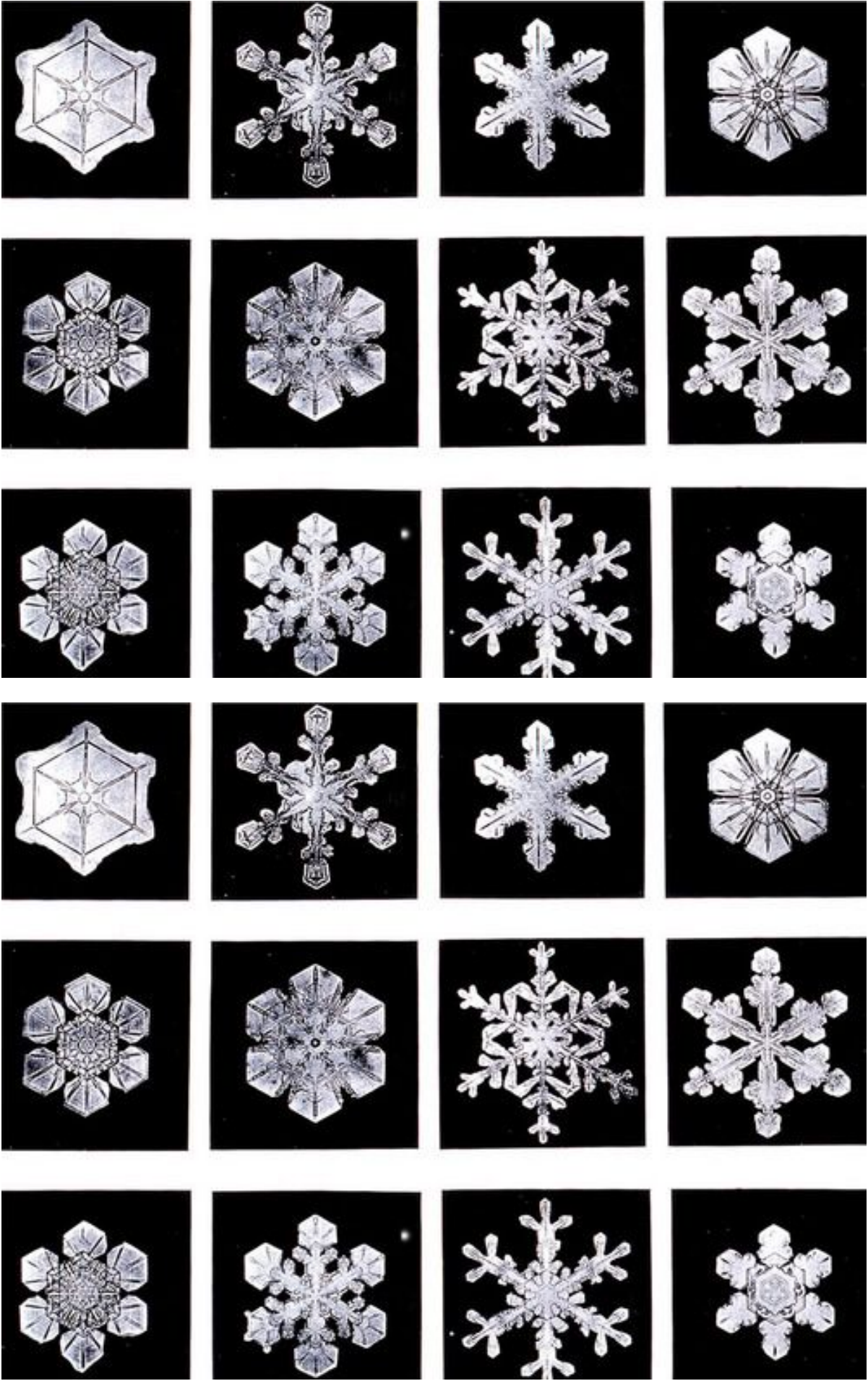
They form when it is -2 C (28 F) or near -15 C (5 F)



### Other things to explore:

- Read the book Snowflake Bentley or watch it on [YouTube](#).
- Learn more about snowflake types [Here](#)
- Using a phone to take pictures of snowflakes [Here](#) or search "How to photograph snowflakes with an iphone"

Print out and cut out these cards



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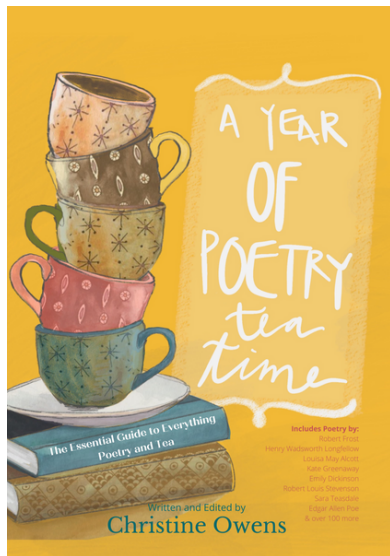


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