



## Junior Scribe Badge

**Pillar:** Civic Engagement/Life Skills

**Outcomes:** Strong sense of self

**Words are powerful tools. Great writing can make people encouraged, entertained, or excited. In this badge, find out what you can do with words..**

1. Start with a poem
  - a. Write one haiku and one limerick. A haiku is a three-line Japanese poem most often about nature. A limerick is an Irish poem that rhymes and is usually funny. A limerick is five lines long. When you are done share with a family member and ask them for some helpful comments.
  - b. Learn more about haikus: <https://www.poetry4kids.com/lessons/how-to-write-a-haiku/>
  - c. Learn more about limericks: <https://www.poetry4kids.com/lessons/how-to-write-a-limerick/>
2. Create a short story
  - a. Make up a five-page adventure story. To get started think about the following questions: Who are your characters? What's happening? Where are they?
3. Use words to share who you are
  - a. Autobiographical stories are ones that happened to you. Write about your favorite Girl Scout memory. It could be a single moment at a troop meeting or a whole week at day camp. Make sure to include lots of details including how you felt and what you thought.
4. Write an article. An article is a type of story that tells the facts rather than the writer's opinion.
  - a. Interview a family member or friend and ask them questions about a specific event or about themselves. Use this opportunity to connect with someone by phone or video chat! Once you've interviewed them, write an article using their answers. Make sure you've covered the 5 W's (who, what, where, when, and why).
5. Tell the world what you think
  - a. Like an article, an essay gives facts, but the writer also gets to share their own thoughts and feelings on the subject. Write a two-page essay about a place you'd like to visit. See if you can include five facts along with your opinion.

Additional online additional resource:

- Who was the world's first author? <https://ed.ted.com/lessons/who-was-the-world-s-first-author-soraya-field-fiorio>

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