

## ACROSTIC

The word acrostic is formed from the Greek word *acros* (outermost) and *stichos* (line of poetry). You can even find acrostic in the Bible in a book called the Psalms. The acrostic is a poem where the first letter of each line form a word when you read them looking downward. A very complicated acrostic would have the last letter of each line forming a separate word as you read downward, also. But let's take one step at a time and concentrate on simple acrostics. Follow the directions for completing your own.

### Lyrical Lesson: Acrostic

1. Write the first name of someone you admire.
2. Think about how to describe that person and what they mean to you.
3. On scratch paper, write out your ideas. Proofread. Revise.
4. Using a word processing program, type the letters that will form your acrostic (The person's name.). Have a teacher show you how to change the color of the font. Make your first letters a different color than the rest of your poem. Also capitalize them and use bold function on the tool bar of your processing program.
5. Use your cursor to align the rest of your poem.
6. Proof read. Use spell check. Revise.
7. Find or draw a picture of the person you described to illustrate your acrostic.