

ODE TO BIG PENNY



ACTIVITY GUIDE



EPISODE 123: MICHIGAN'S WONDERFUL WATER

Is there something that you really love that you want to tell others about? An ode is a great way to do that.

1. Read the ode, "Oh, Winter."
2. See if it has the elements of an ode in it that are listed in the box to the right.
3. Then, try writing one on your own!

"Oh, Winter"

You bring frost that sparkles on trees,
And snowflakes that twirl through the air.

Our breath turns to little clouds,
While the sun peeks out shyly,
Casting soft light on your icy world.

Your winds sting our cheeks,
And your cold wraps the world tight.
Sometimes your silence feels heavy,
Like the earth is holding its breath.

But beneath your frozen blanket,
Spring is waiting to bloom.
So, stay a little longer, Winter,
Let us marvel at your beauty,
And dream of the warmth to come.

Things to think about when writing an ode

- Can be serious or cheerful
- Uses facts to tell a story
- About a person, place or thing
- Follows poetic form
- Uses descriptive language and exaggeration
- Uses the five senses