

Heritage Vertical Poem

Write a vertical poem about heritage!

Write the word “heritage” vertically. Then, use the letters one by one to start each line of your poem. There are many kinds of heritage. Your poem could be about the heritage of St. Martin, the heritage of your neighborhood, your own family heritage, or another kind of heritage. Natural heritage is about our local plants and animals. Cultural heritage is about special St. Martin traditions, like the Ponum dance and bush tea.

You can write about whatever kind of heritage you want! You could also choose another word besides “heritage” to be your vertical word, if it works better to capture how you feel, or if you want to write another poem.

Do it like this:

H _____
E _____
R _____
I _____
T _____
A _____
G _____
E _____

Here’s an example:

Here on the old salt ponds, in the old salt pans
Egrets hunt
Rise with their beaks full of fish, raise their chicks
I see it, just as the first people must have
The cycle of mothers and fathers sharing their ways
Along the ponds as their children
Grow enough to fly away, wings wide against the green hills
Each calling back, “I remember, remember”