

A Limerick

An Irish folk style of poetry

- 1 The limerick packs laughs anatomical
- 2 Into space that is quite economical
- 3 But the good ones I've seen
- 4 So seldom are clean
- 5 And the clean ones so seldom are comical

Five lines with a Rhyme Scheme = A, A, B, B, A

Lines 1, 2 and 5 rhyme

Lines 3 and 4 rhyme

- Your ASSIGNMENT is to create two limericks of your own that are short, sweet, and HISTORICAL! Focus on topics from our recent unit objective sheet on Young America: The Teenage Years. Come up with limericks based upon either the War of 1812, nationalism, the Monroe Doctrine or changes from the Industrial Revolution.
- Write your limericks on the back of this sheet. You need to write at least two, but you can earn EXTRA CREDIT points for each additional limerick (maximum of four) or for reading your limericks to the class.

The following is an example from a famous Irish poet who wrote amazing historically themed limericks...

An Early American *Foreign Relations* Limerick

by J.P. O'Kylehan

- 1 There once were pirates of the Barbaray
- 2 Who plundered American ships night and day
- 3 Instead of paying a tribute
- 4 Jefferson took the war route
- 5 And sent the Marines to blow them away

Five lines

Lines 1, 2 and 5 rhyme

Lines 3 and 4 rhyme

