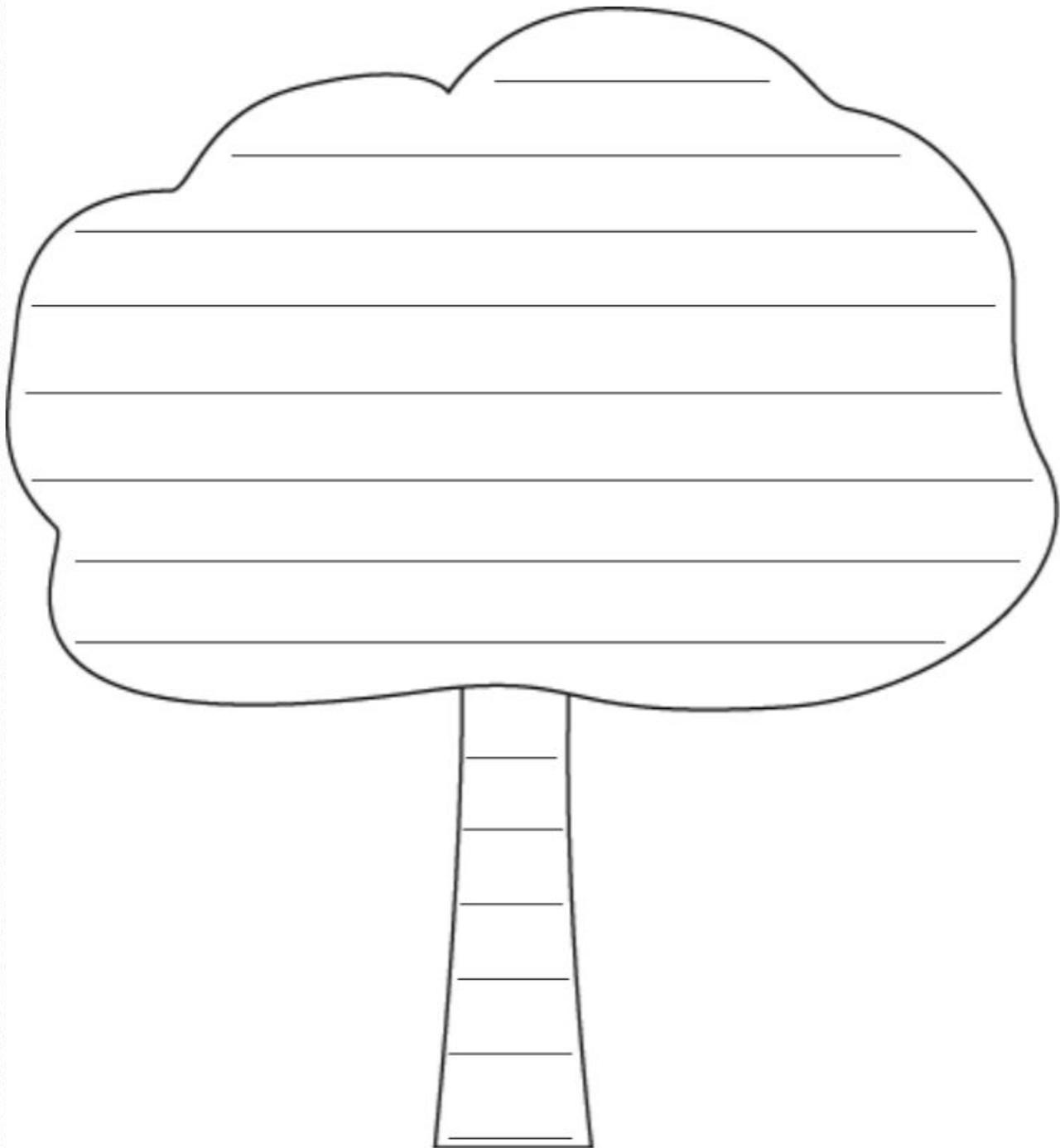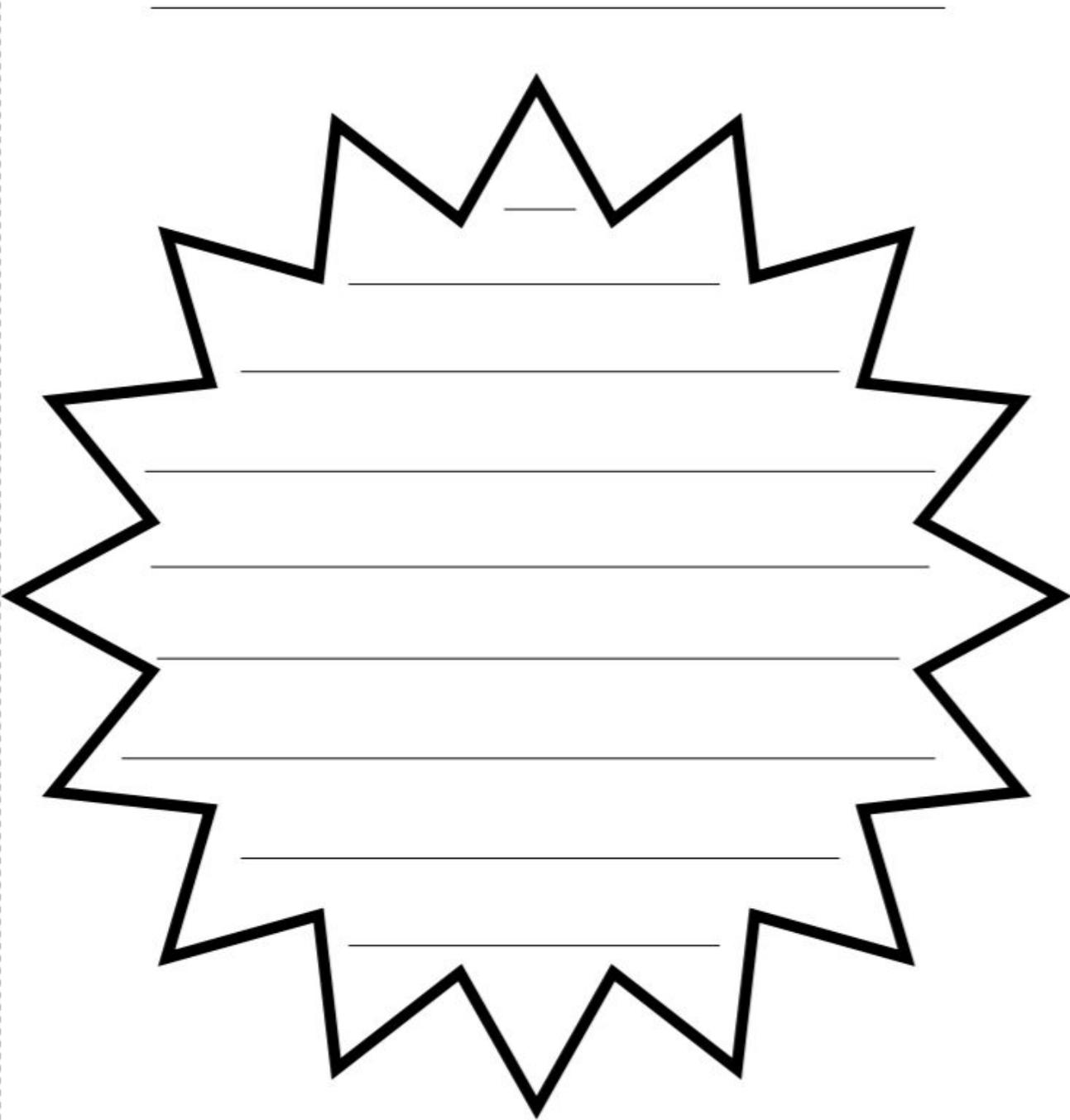# Branches

(Shape Poetry Example)

Branches
shade rubber
fruit clothes
paper wind barrier fuel
furniture resources nuts
tree houses maple syrup parks
multiple uses seeds oxygen
lumber habitat energy
building materials
baseball bats leaves
photosynthesis
roots
gum
cork
books
caint
cocoa
sponge

Directions for Shape Poetry

1. Choose an object to be the subject for your poem. Good suggestions for beginners could be favorite animals or favorite foods.
2. Draw a simple outline of its shape on paper or on the computer. If you're using paper, draw with a pencil not a pen.
3. Write your poem normally. Try to describe how the subject makes you feel. The words will be fitted into your drawing, so don't make it too long – between 6-12 lines is probably a good length!
   IT DOESN'T HAVE TO RHYME!
4. Lightly in pencil, or on the computer, write your poem into the shape. It's ok if it doesn't fit properly yet, because this is where you find out if you need to make the writing larger or smaller.
5. Decide if you need to make your writing bigger or smaller in certain parts of the drawing, then erase your first draft and write out the poem again. You can keep doing this until you are happy.
6. Finally, erase the outline of your shape, so that it is just the words from your poem left creating the image! If you were writing in pencil, you can now go over the words in pen!

Tree

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Sun

Name:_____   Date:_____

Checklist for Shape Poem

____ /50   Each line in the poem represents the topic and
                       makes sense

____ /20   All words are spelled correctly

____ /20   Illustration represents poem topic

____ /10   Best handwriting is used, visually appealing

____/100   Grade_____