

# An Inspiring Webinar On Storytelling Through Poetry By Aashika Suresh

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A freelance writer and poet based in Chennai, Aashika Suresh, conducted a power packed webinar on Storytelling Through Poetry, 15th October 2020. The webinar organized by the Department of DDU KAUSHAL Kendra, Loyola College for the benefit of the 20 UAN batch students, focussed on the most important aspect of human communication: storytelling.

A senior feature writer at *In Frame*, a culture and arts magazine, she delivered the webinar with inspiring quotes from Matsuo Basho, William Wordsworth and others.

*"The old pond*

*A frog jumps in*

*Sound of water."*

Matsuo Basho's poem set the mood of the webinar. The resource person used an interactive method to conduct the webinar. Her questions about the poem kindled the mind of the students. The way the resource

person broke down the story was enlightening:

- The hero
- The images
- The effects

She elaborated on the 5 key points that make the poem memorable:

- Image
- Emotion
- Originality
- Relatable
- Language

The technique she presented on how to analyse a poem was also useful:

- Read the poem
- Understand what is the story? Who is the hero?
- What are the element (s) that you should focus on?
  - Is the meaning conveyed literally? How does it add value to the poem or are these elements just a distraction?
  - What will the reader remember?

On the whole, it was an interesting and enlightening session. The poetic stanza from William Wordsworth, "I wandered lonely as a cloud" was an appropriate culmination for a very worthwhile webinar.