Anti-Smoking Limerick Campaign

**Content Standards**

Students will…

1) Explain how personal choices affect the body.
4) Identify healthy lifestyle behaviors.

**Process Standards**

Students will…

2) Present information through various techniques.

**Task**

You will launch a non-smoking campaign for the American Heart Association. They want you to write a limerick promoting how smoking has a negative impact on your body and other people around you. You want to promote not smoking or help someone quit and write of the benefits of quitting.

A limerick is considered an enjoyable form of humor. Follow the guidelines that are below to write your limerick. After you have completed the limerick, you will draw designs on the background. This must be in color and tie in with your limerick. Look at the examples that are given to you if you are having trouble writing your limerick.

A limerick is a short poem that follows these guidelines:

1) Lines 1, 2, and 5 rhyme with one another
2) Lines 3 and 4 rhyme with each other
3) Lines 1, 2, and 5 have from 8-10 syllables
4) Lines 3 and 4 have 4-6 syllables

**Examples:**

1. A handsome young teen hit the scene.
2. At wrestling he really was mean.
3. When he started to puff,
4. The coach said, “Enough!”
5. I like you, but you’re off the team.”

1. There lived a sweet girl named Elaine
2. Who secretly smoked in the rain,
3. Her mother, who caught her,
4. Said, “Don’t you know, daughter,
5. Most people who smoke have no brain?”
Criteria

- Following the guidelines for writing a limerick (certain lines rhyme and certain lines have a certain number of syllables)
- Promotes an accurate non-smoking or quitting message
- Background design ties with the limerick
- No spelling or grammatical errors