

## 6-The "How To" Poem

A "How To" poem is a list poem form which can be used effectively to play around with specific facts we have researched. Start by making lists about your subjects, then order them for best effect.

(Tip: Jokes come in threes. Try putting your surprising fact third.)

### How to Be Thomas Jefferson

Write like an angel.  
Live in your mind.  
Have your heart broken many times.  
Declare all men equal,  
and never release your 600 slaves.  
Buy real estate from Frenchmen  
without looking at it.  
Live beyond your means  
and owe lots of money.  
Never finish the house  
that years later will appear  
on the back side of a nickel.



Barry Lane

### How to Be a Heart (1<sup>st</sup> grade)

Pump blood  
Be the strongest muscles in the body  
Don't stop  
Have love in you  
Beat fast in rats and slow in elephants  
Don't stop...  
Don't stop...  
Don't stop...

