

## Blackout Poetry Instructions

1. Find an old book, magazine or newspaper that you may tear a page out to create your blackout poem.
2. Skim your old page for words that are impactful and stand out to you. It is not necessary to read the page carefully; the point is to spark an idea from these “stand out” words. In other words, find a word, phrase, or general theme that appeals to you. Lightly circle these words or phrases.
3. Go through the page again to review the lightly circled words. Erase the circle around any words that you no longer want to use.
4. You may now also want to circle a few connecting words like “a”, “the”, “of”, and “to”, between the selected “stand out” words.
5. Now go back through your poem and boldly box all the words you are keeping with a sharpie or a dark pencil.
6. Read through your final poem. Sketch an image or add a design on your page that relates to the theme of your poem. Now, it is time to start blackening out the unwanted words. Using a sharpie or a dark pencil, black out everything that is **NOT** part of your poem!

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