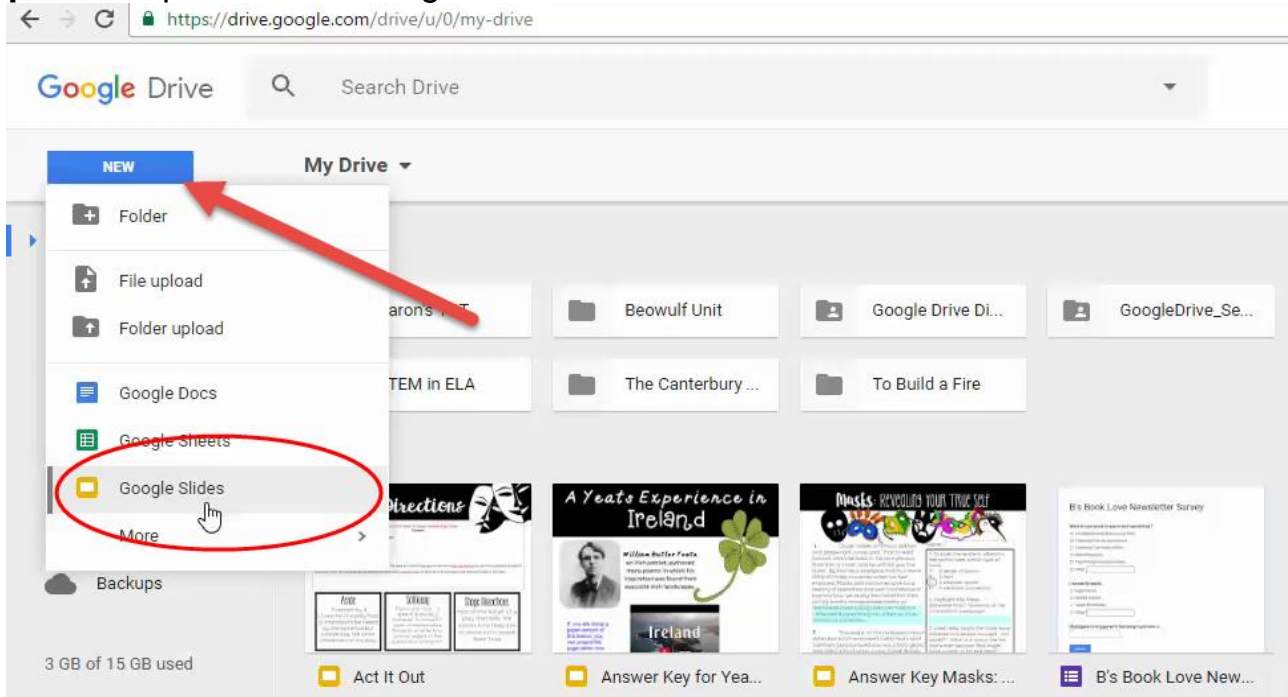
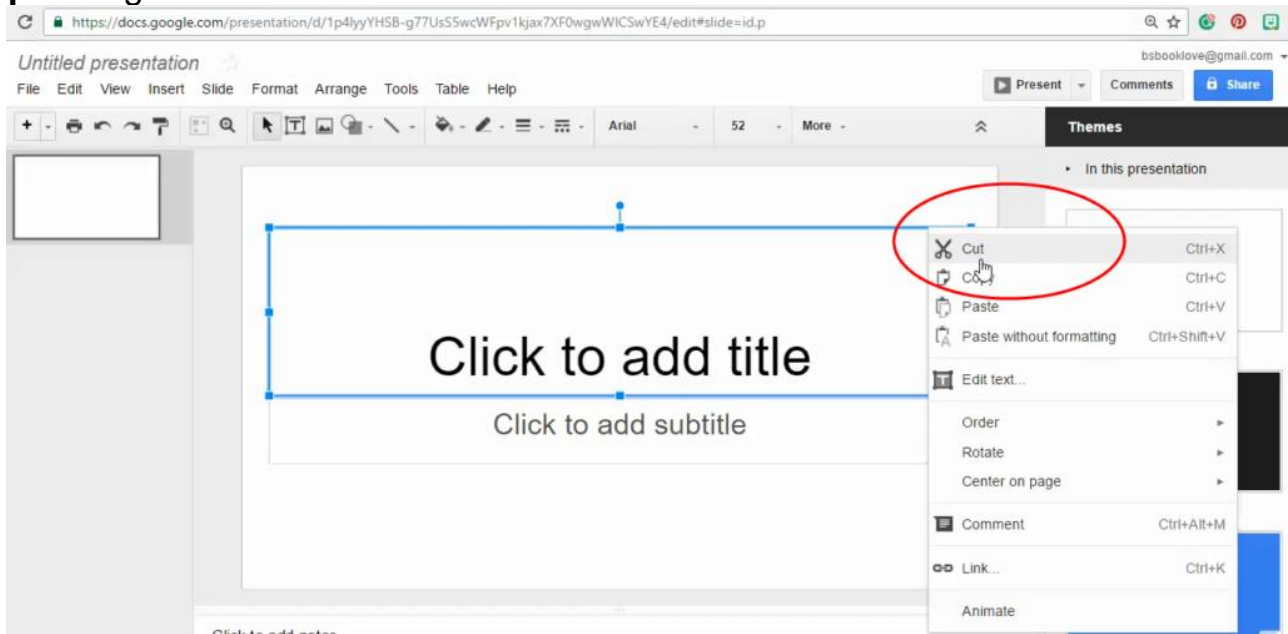


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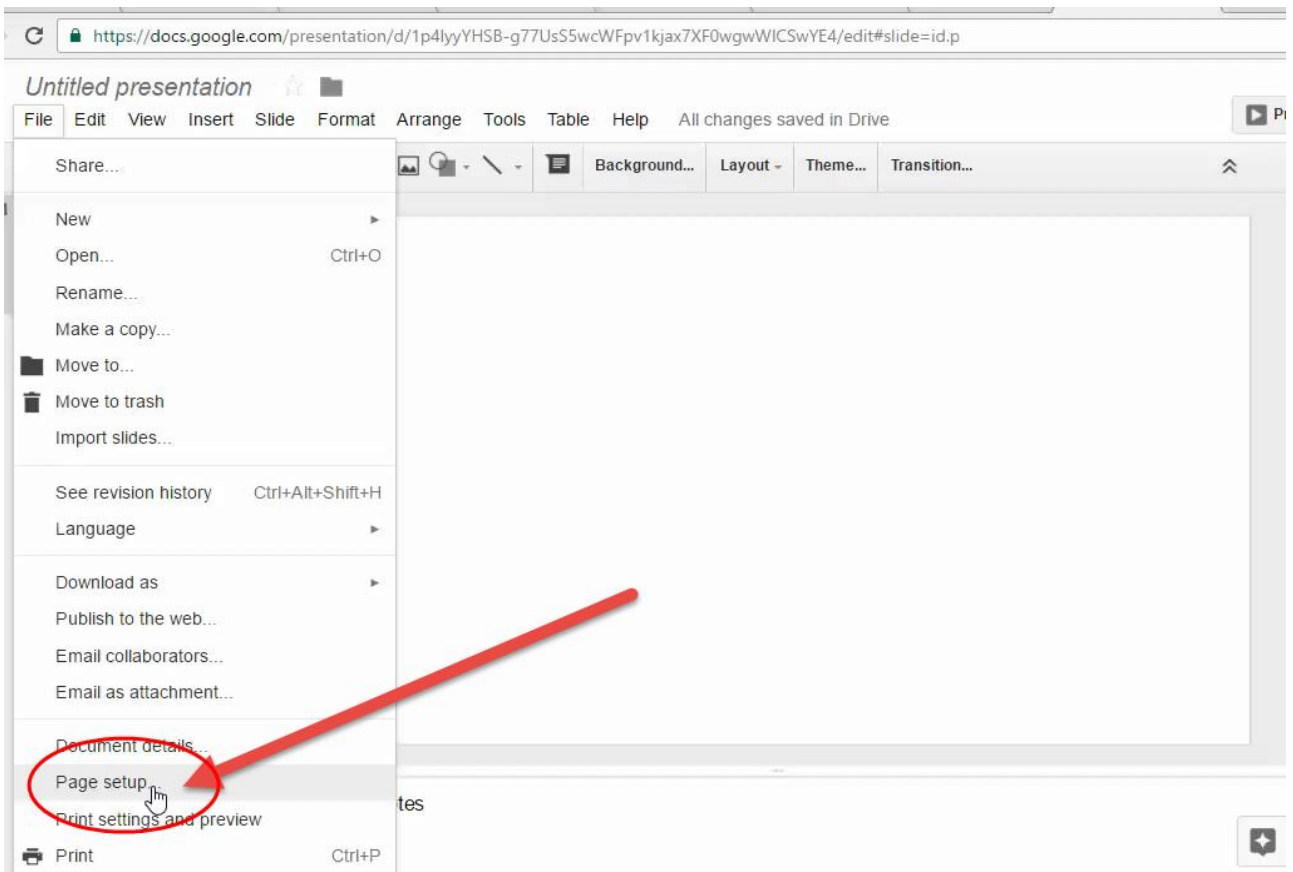
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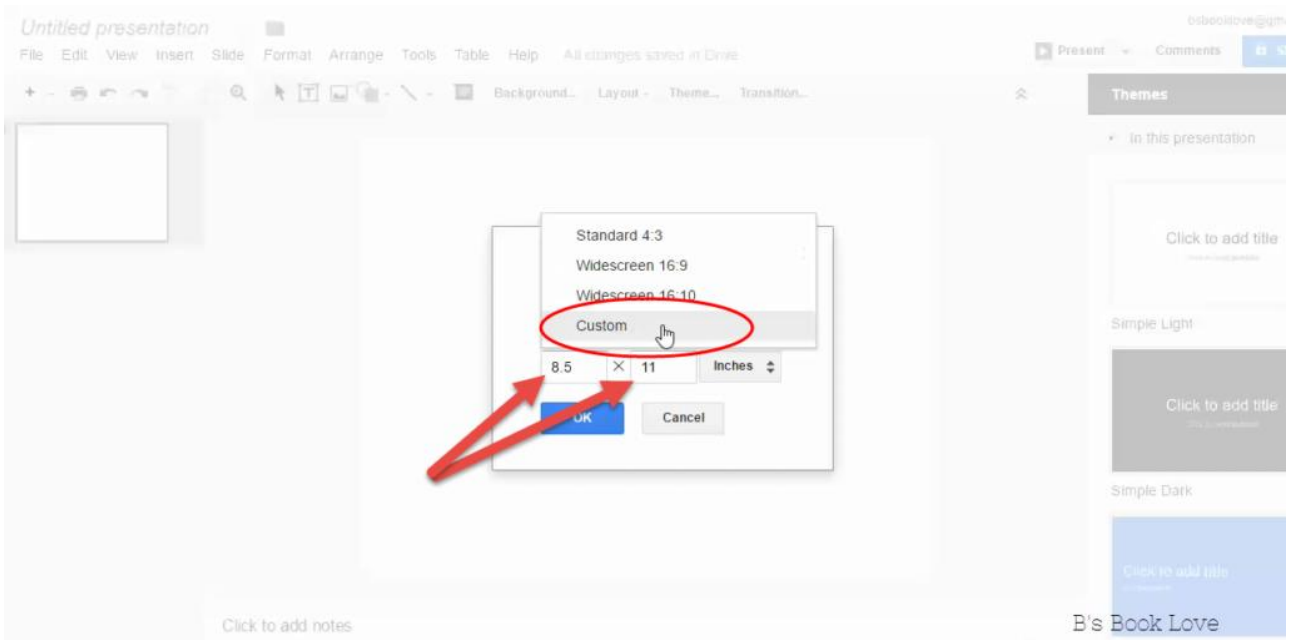
Step 2: Right click and cut out all of the text boxes



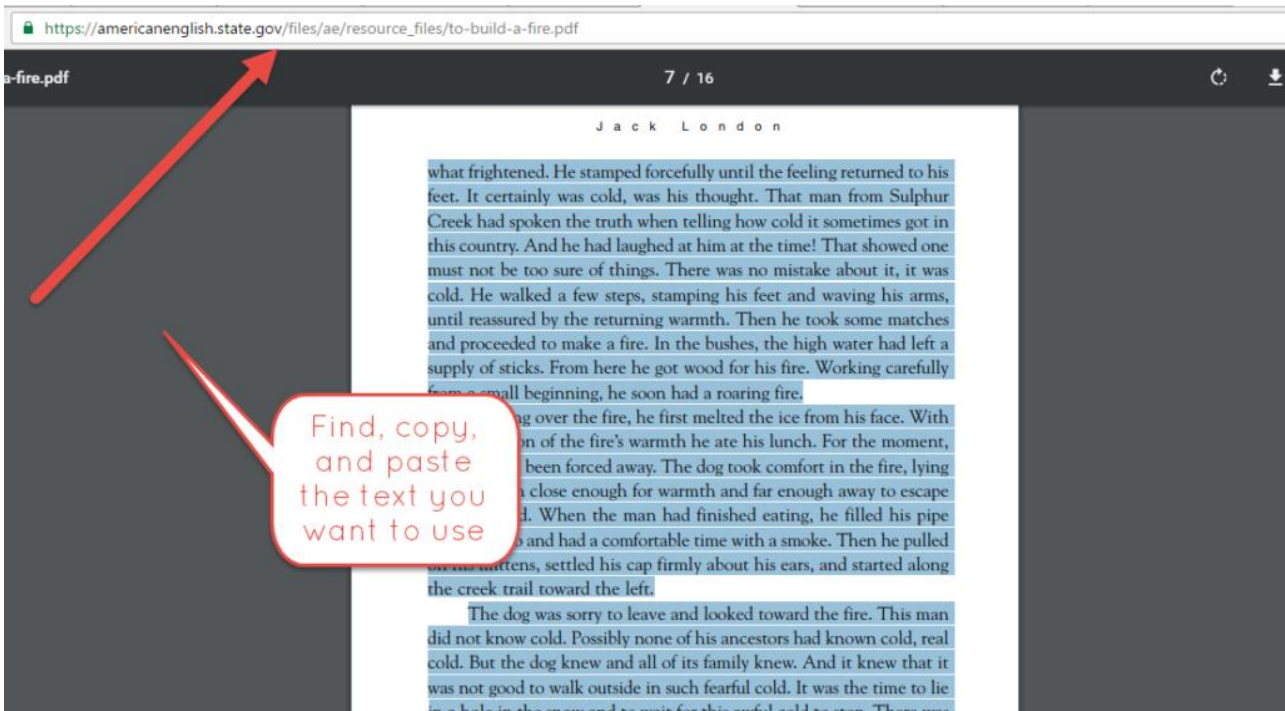
Step 3: Go to File>Page Setup



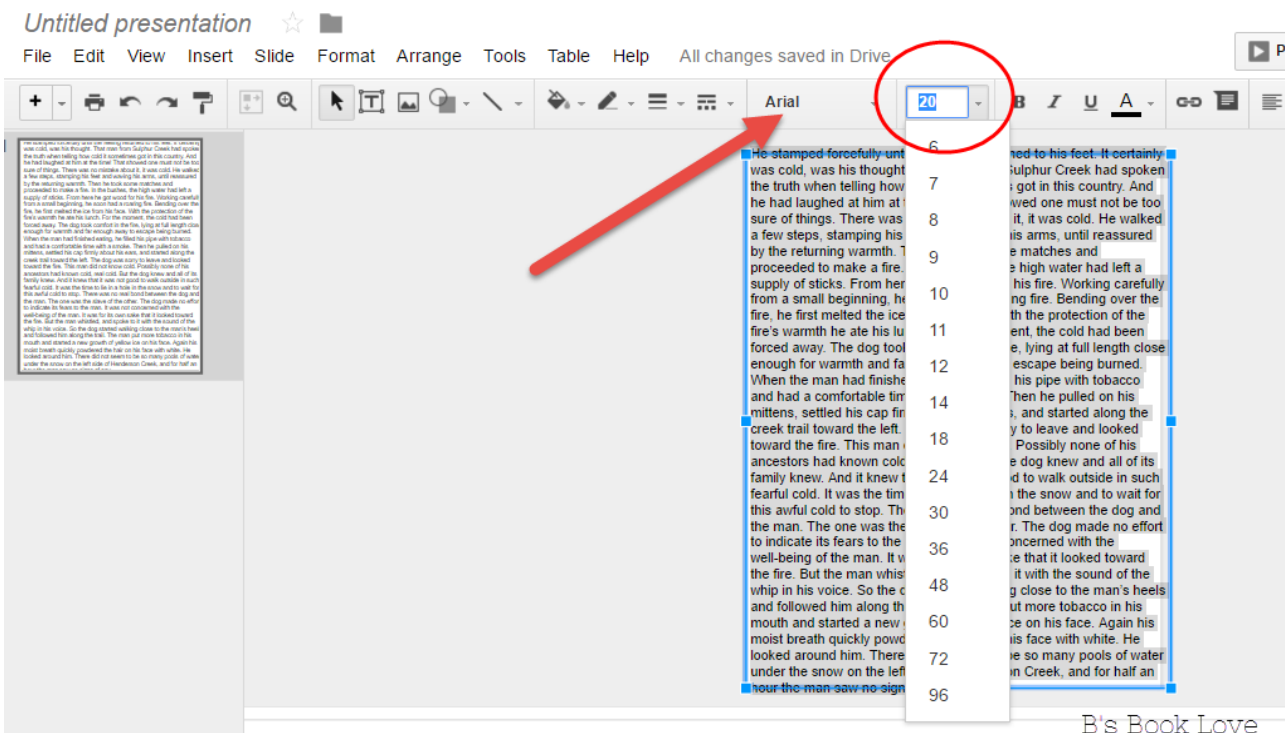
Step 4: Click the drop down menu then select “custom.” You will want your slide to be **8.5×11** if you wish for it to be printer paper size (**Note: when printing be sure to click “scale to fit” so that the edges aren’t cut off)

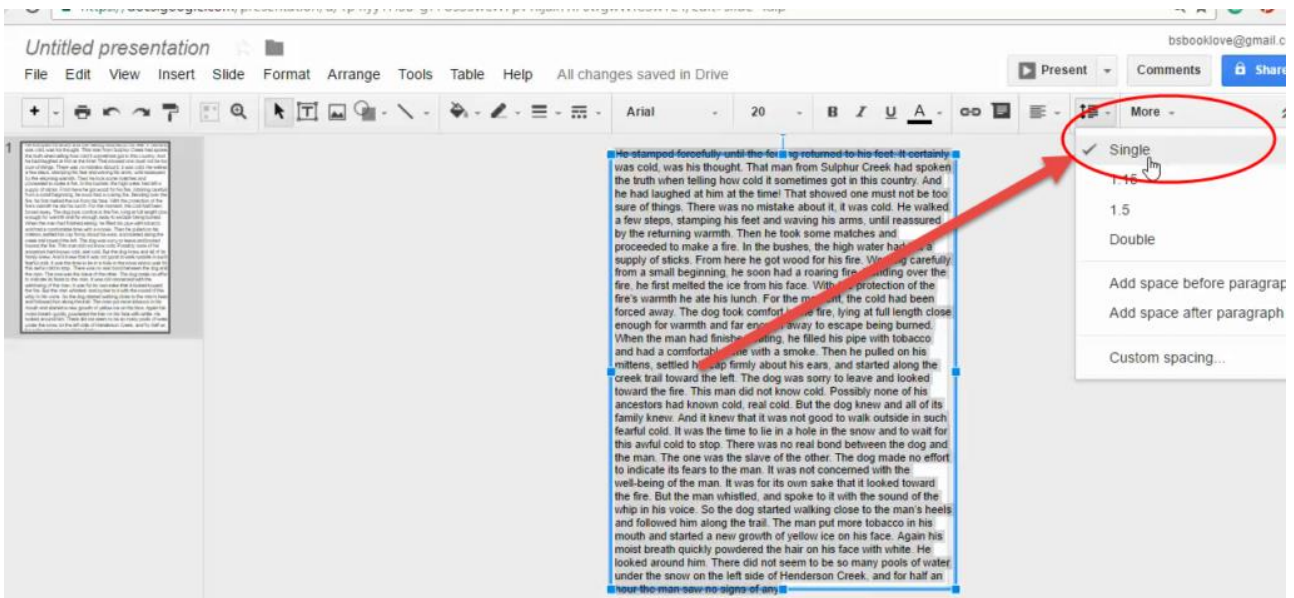


Step 5: Go get the text you want to use for your blackout poem. You will be copying and pasting this into your slide.

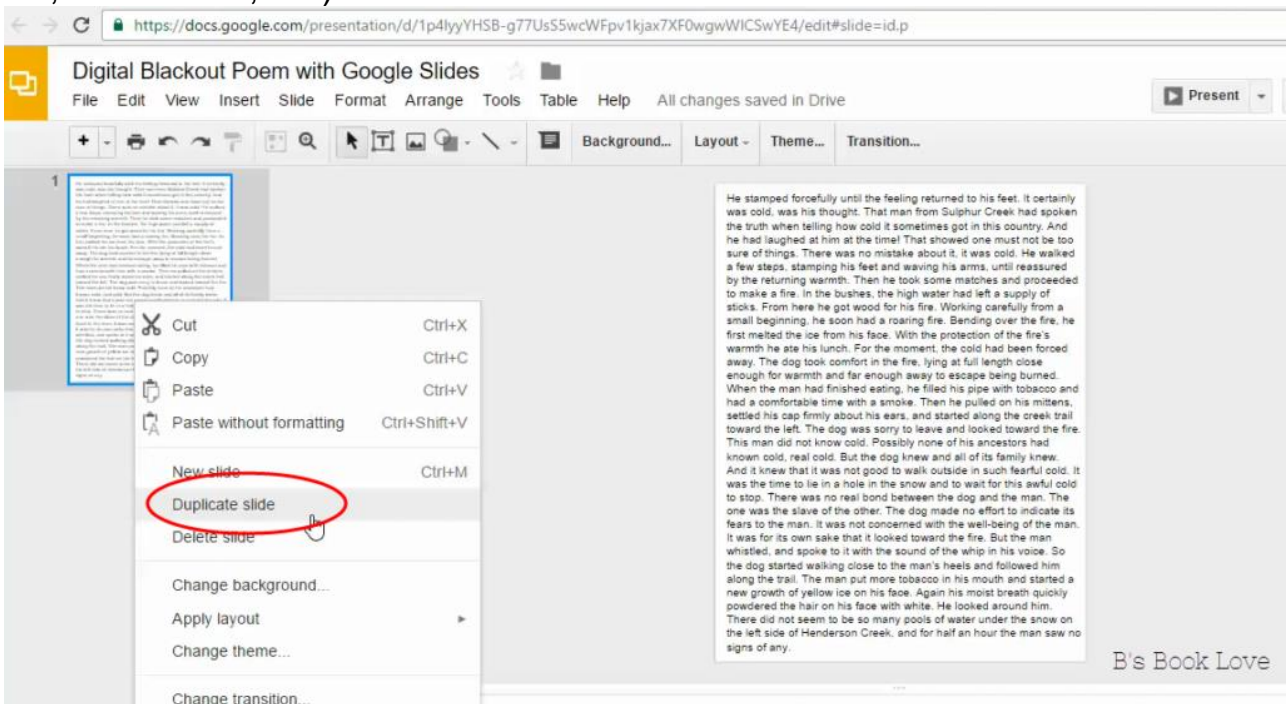


Step 6: Paste it into your slide. You will need to play around with the text box, font, and font size to get it to where it fills up the entire page (**Note, make sure your font is single spaced before you get too precise with your text. See next picture for how to do this). If you find that you are in between font sizes on the scale, simply type in a number to make it the exact size you need. Notice that I needed size 20 font even though that wasn't an option in the drop down menu.





Step 7: Duplicate your slide so that you have creative choices (background colors, font colors, etc)



Step 8: To make the background black (or a different color). Go to Background >Color>Select Color. Be sure to change your font color to where it's readable! For example, the black background will need white font.

Digital Blackout Poem with Google Slides

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Background... Layout Theme... Transition...

Change background

1 He stamped forcefully until the feeling returned to his feet. It certainly was cold, was his thought. That man from Sulphur Creek had spoken the truth when telling how cold it sometimes got in this country. And he had laughed at him at the time! That showed one must not be too sure of things. There was no mistake about it, it was cold. He walked a few steps, stamping his feet and waving his arms, until reassured by the returning warmth. Then he took some matches and proceeded to make a fire. In the bushes, the high water had left a supply of sticks. From here he got wood for his fire. Working carefully from a small beginning, he soon had a roaring fire. Bending over the fire, he first melted the ice from his face. With the protection of the fire's warmth he ate his lunch. For the moment, the cold had been forced away. The dog took comfort in the fire, lying at full length close enough for warmth and far enough away to escape being burned. When the man had finished eating, he filled his pipe with tobacco and had a comfortable time with a smoke. Then he pulled on his mittens, settled his cap firmly about his ears, and started along the creek trail toward the left. The dog was sorry to leave and looked toward the fire. This man did not know cold. Possibly none of his ancestors had known cold, real cold. But the dog knew and all of its family knew. And it knew that it was not good to walk outside in such fearful cold. It was the time to lie in a hole in the snow and to wait for this awful cold to stop. There was no real bond between the dog and the man. The one was the slave of the other. The dog made no effort to indicate its fears to the man. It was not concerned with the well-being of the man. It was for its own sake that it looked toward the fire. But the man whistled, and spoke to it with the sound of the whip in his voice. So the dog started walking close to the man's heels and followed him along the trail. The man put more tobacco in his mouth and started a new growth of yellow ice on his face. Again his moist breath quickly powdered the hair on his face with white. He looked around him. There did not seem to be so many pools of water under the snow on the left side of Henderson Creek, and for half an hour the man saw no signs of any.

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Reset to theme

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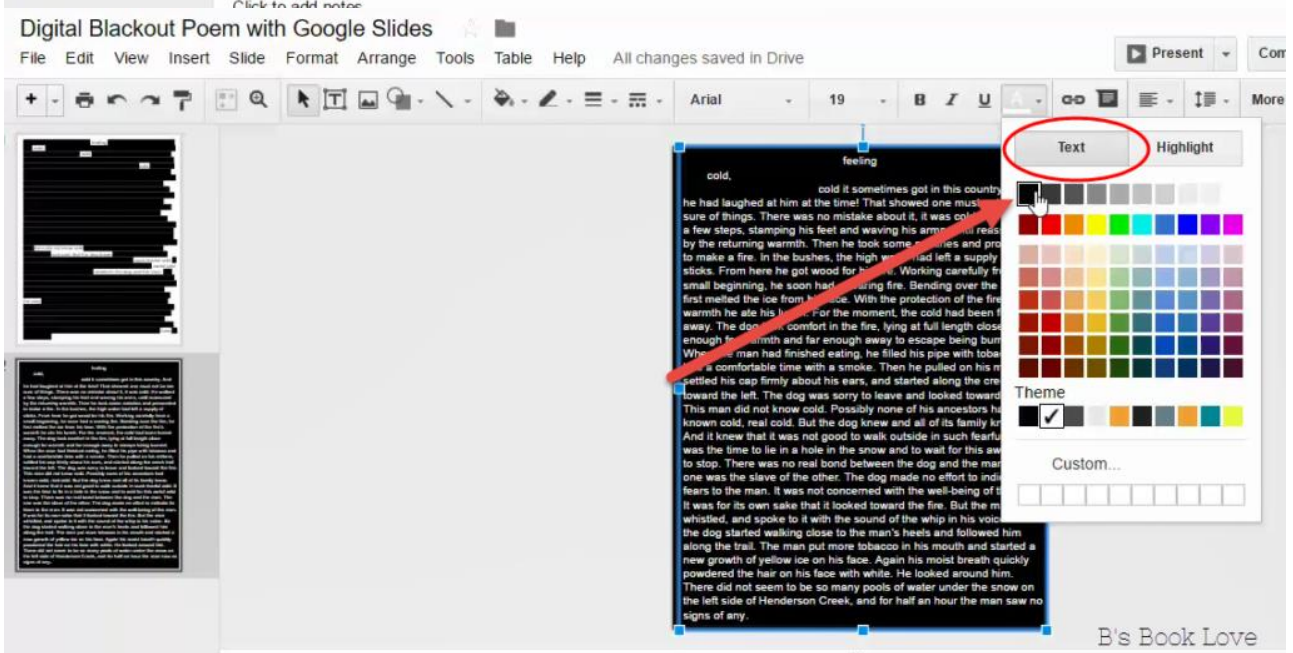
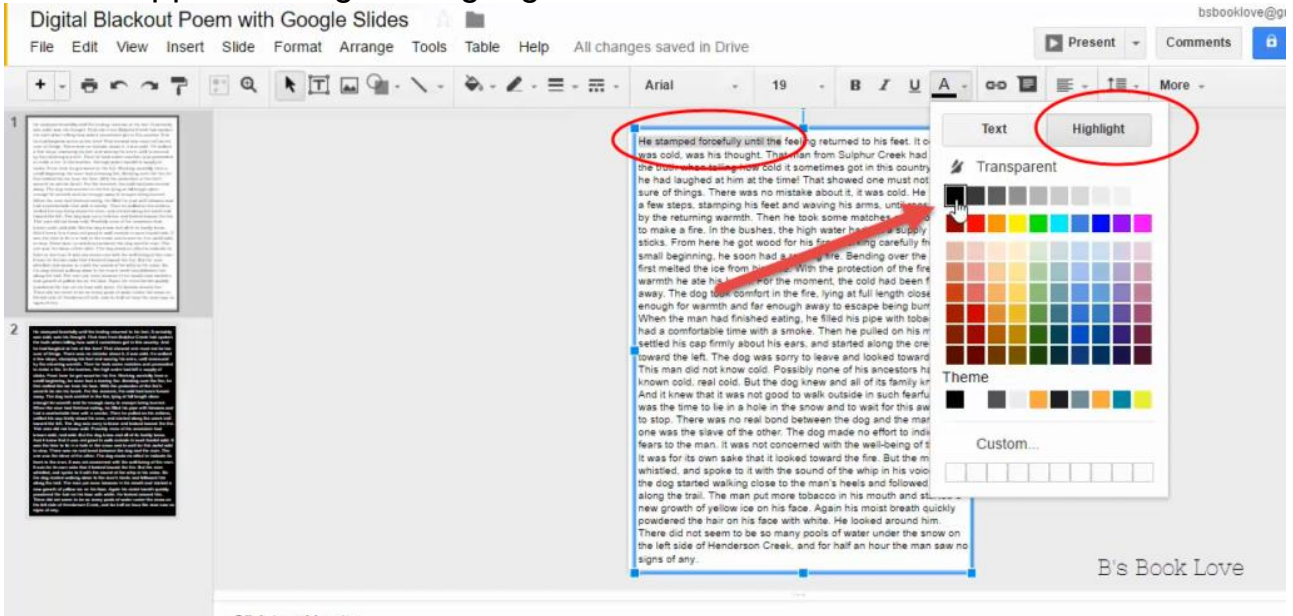
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Now you have two options-- one white background and one black.

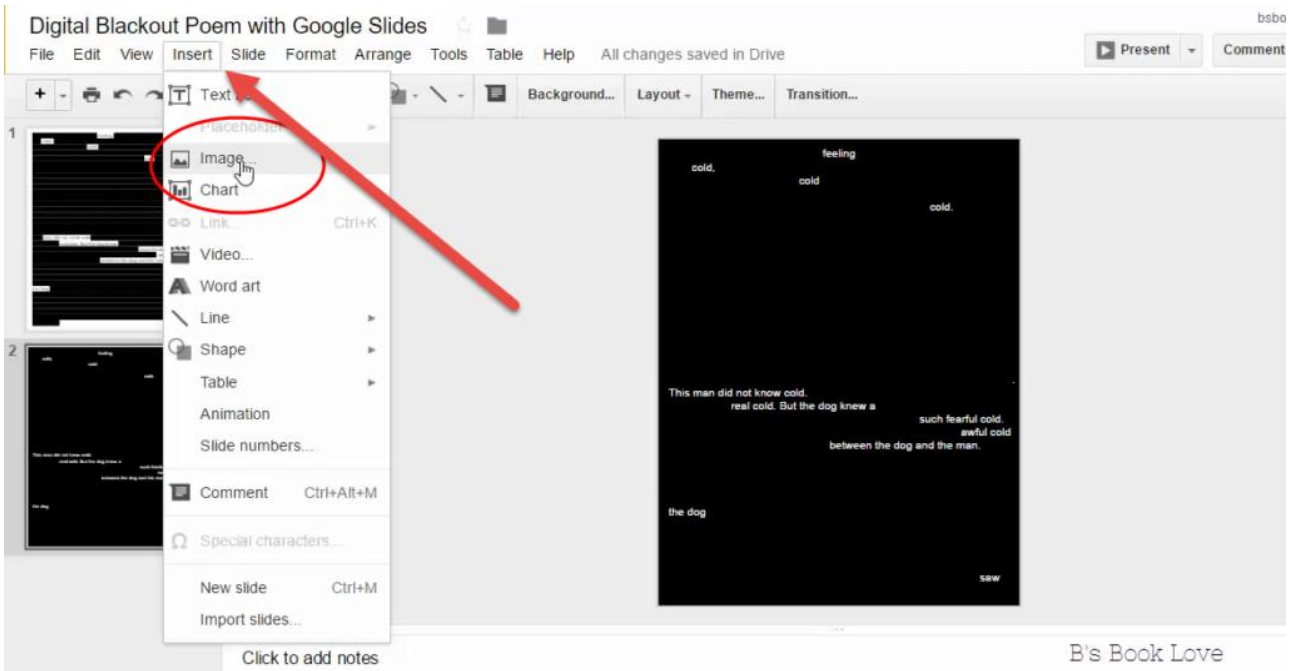
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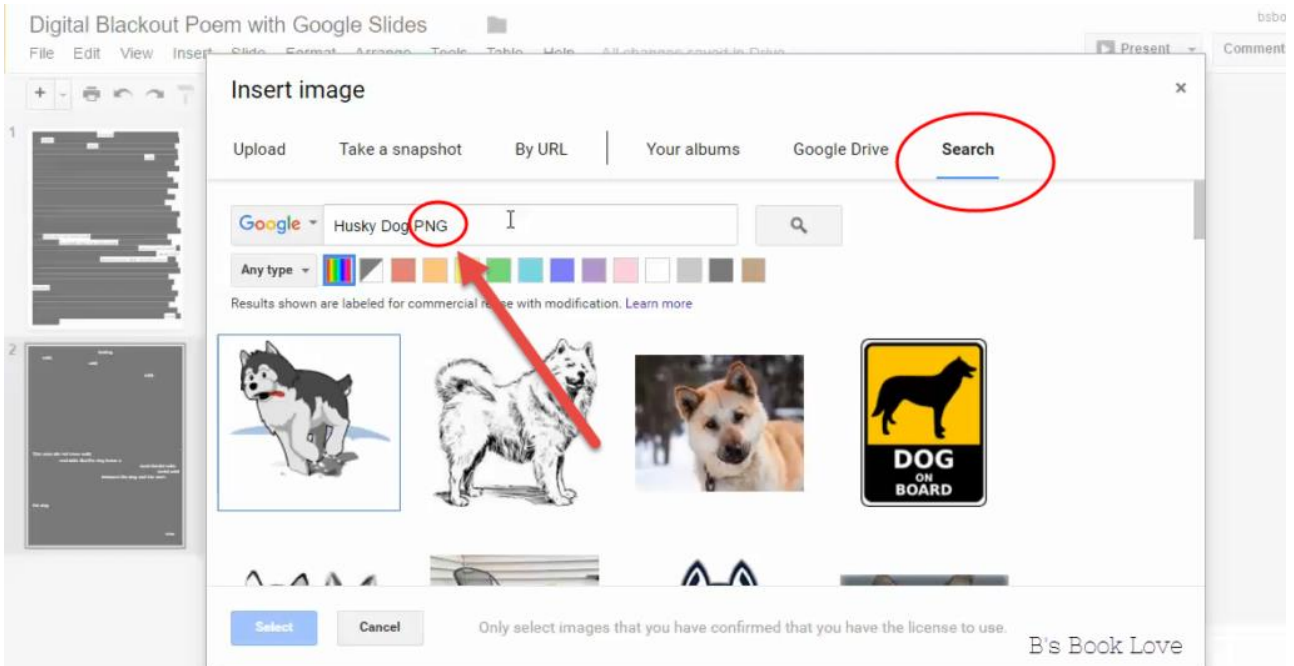
Step 9: Now to the fun part!! Depending on which slide you are working on, change either the text color or the highlighting color to black out the words. For example, if you are using the white background, you will select the words you want to disappear and go to highlight then click black.



Step 10: To add a little more artistic quality to it, you might choose to add in an image.



If you do want to add art, **be sure to add the letters PNG** after the term! This will give you a transparent background so that it doesn't mess up the look of your poem



White background example:

feeling
cold,
cold
cold.
man did not know cold
real cold. But the dog knew
such fearful cold.
awful cold
between the dog and the man.
the dog
saw

