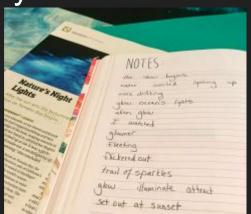
Blackout poetry

- Skim your page of words.
- Don't read carefully, as the point is just to grab an idea from the words, not take them in.
- Find a word, phrase or general theme that you like.
- Now go through and lightly circle the words or phrases you might like to use.



- Write down your words and phrases in order on a piece of paper and read them through.
- Cross out the words you don't want. If you need a few connecting words (like "a", "the", "it", etc. then go back to see if you can find them between the words you want to connect. You often can!
- Circle them and add them to your poem.

 Go back through your poem and boldly box the words you are keeping with a pen.

 Erase any circles around words you don't want.



- Read through your final poem.
- Sketch in a few images or symbols on your page that relate to the theme of your poem.
- Now it's time to start blackening. Black out everything that is NOT a word in your poem or one of your own sketches.
- When you are done, copy your poem onto a blank piece of paper to display with your blackout poem.



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