

~~the quick~~ Black ~~the brown~~ out ~~the lazy~~ ~~the~~ poetry.

Blackout poems can be created using the pages of old books or even articles from yesterday's newspaper.

You need 3 types of words to create your blackout poem:

- **Anchor word**-this is ONE word on the page that stands out to you because it is packed and loaded with meaning and significance
- **Resonant word**-might be expressive but for whatever reason these are the words on the page that stick with you
- **Additional words**-any words that link the anchor and resonant words.

Collage

POEM



FOUND POETRY IS THE LITERARY EQUIVALENT VERSION OF COLLAGE. MUCH LIKE THE VISUAL ARTIST WHO COMBINES MULTIPLE MEDIA (NEWSPAPER, FEATHERS, COINS, SHEET MUSIC) INTO COLLAGE ART, YOU CAN DO THE SAME WITH WORDS, PULLING CONCEPTS AND PHRASINGS FROM VARIOUS SOURCES TO CREATE “FOUND” POEMS.

YOU CAN USE MAGAZINES, NEWSPAPERS, SHEET MUSIC, COOK BOOKS, MENUS, AND MORE TO CREATE YOUR COLLAGE POEM.

Directions for Poetic Activities

1. Using the materials at this station, create your own "found" poem. You may draw on or "blackout" the pages of the paperback books or use the word "cut-outs" from newspapers, magazines and other textual material to create your found poem. Look at the examples of found poems on this web page to help you.
2. Take some time to develop a theme for your poem. Read the words on the book page, newspaper or magazine looking for visual phrases or ideas, or move cut-out words or phrases around on the table until you see a theme develop.
3. Glue your found poem on the handout if using newspaper or magazine clippings. If you used a paperback book and the blackout technique, gently remove that page from the book and glue to the construction paper. Remember to put your name on the handout.

