

## Blackout Poetry Kits

Blackout poetry is created by blocking out words from a page of text to create your own poem. You can leave as many (or as few) words on the page as you like! This is a great cure for writer's block because it forces you to look at words in a new way.

### Materials:

- 1 discarded book\*
- 1 permanent marker

*\*The book provided in this kit is an old Advance Reading Copy (ARC) which we can neither sell nor add to the library's collection, making it perfect to give away!*

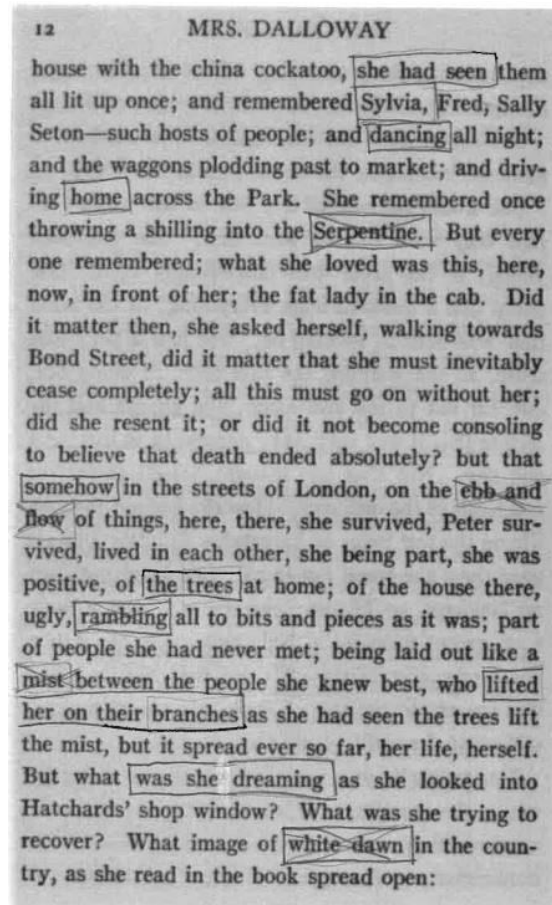
### 1. Find the page you would like to work with.

Flip through your book to a page with some eye-catching words.

### 2. Decide which words you want to include in your poem.

Skim over the page and circle the words and/or phrases you would like to use. Planning your poem will give you an idea of how the finished product will sound. It also helps ensure that you don't black out any words by mistake.

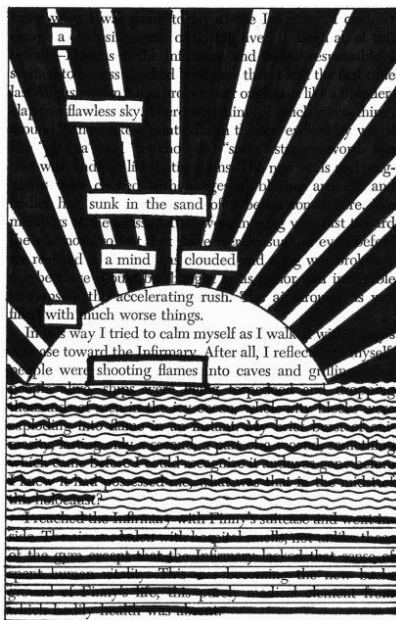
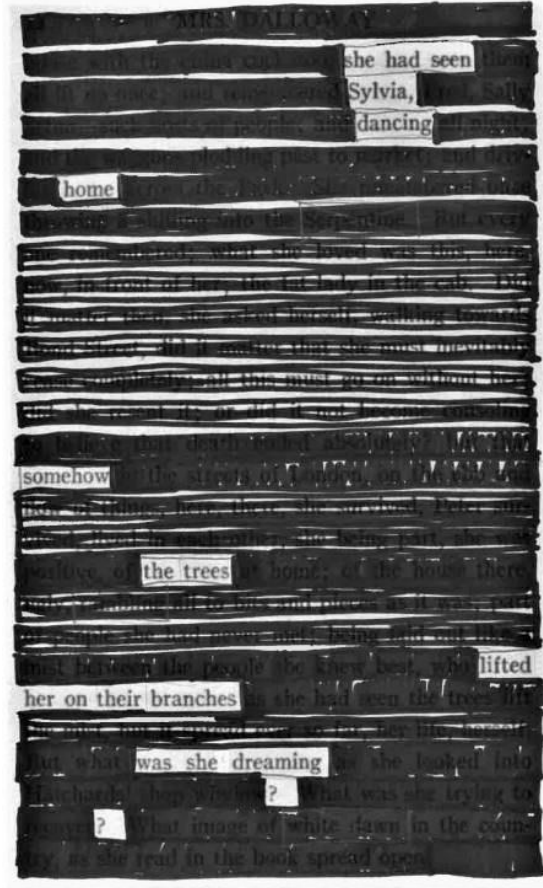
**Note:** *If you would prefer not to draw directly in the book, you can always make a copy of the page you want to use.*



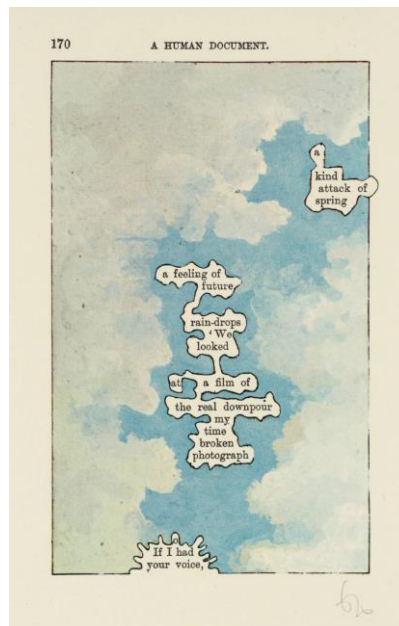
**3. Black out everything that is not your poem.**

Once you know which words you want to keep, use a marker to block out the rest. Feel free to get creative with this step!

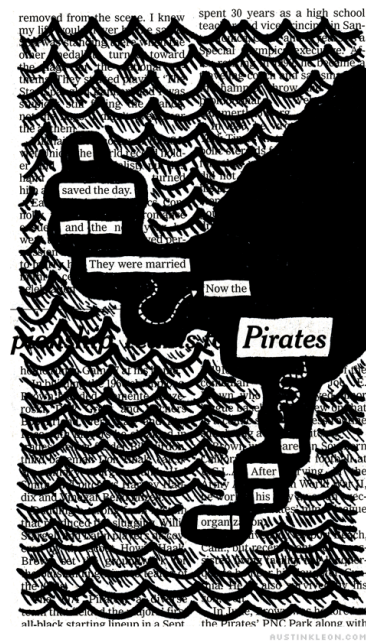
You can even turn your blackout poetry into visual art by creating doodles and scenes within the blacked-out portion (as in the examples below).



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