**FOUND POETRY**

**What is it?**

A “found poem” is poetry created by taking words and phrases from other sources and reframing them by making changes in spacing or lines to create new meaning.

**How do I make it?**

1. Read the entire excerpt carefully.
	1. Use a dictionary (or your phone) to look up words that you don’t understand
	2. Discuss what the excerpt means as a match.
2. Mark any words and phrases that are particularly powerful, moving, or interesting to you.
3. Look at the words/phrases you have chosen and decide on some themes or a message for your poem.
4. Draw a box around the words and phrases you want to use.
5. Cross out all of the words you are not using. You can draw a picture or use different colors to block the extra words out, like the example to the right.

**Tips and Tricks:**

* If you’re having trouble making your poem “flow”, write the words down on a separate sheet of paper and rearrange them however you’d like. You do not have to keep the words in the order they came – although it is fun to try!
* Add prepositions (to, of, about, for) and articles (a/an, the) if necessary.
* Add a “poet’s statement” to your poem. This can help the audience better understand your message.
* Poems can be ANY length. Even if you just have a few words, as long as they have meaning together they can be a poem.