How-To Create an Erasure Poem

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Materials

- Any source text, including but not limited to, pages from a book, a newspaper or magazine article, junk mail flyers, credit card offers, pages from a catalog, etc.
- A black marker (or acrylic paint markers, paint, etc.)

Instructions

- 1. Take your source text and scan the text to think about what part of the text you want to erase or blackout in order to create your erasure poem. You can erase as much or as little as you want!
- 2. Using a black marker (or your choice of utensil to erase the text) to erase what you decided on.
- 3. If you would like, add art to your erasure poem by drawing on it, adding color, etc.
- 4. Share your erasure poem with family and friends!
- 5. Repeat these steps as many times as you want with other source text.
- 6. Have fun!