



Writing About Stars

Blackout poetry

Blackout poetry is like a treasure hunt since you find hidden meanings and secret messages in unlikely places. It also creates a beautiful “night sky” — with words as the twinkling stars of your poem.

Create an example for the kids as you explain the activity.

Supplies (for each child)

- Old newspapers or magazines
- Thin and thick black markers
- Highlighters (optional)

How to

1. Select a newspaper or magazine page.
2. Look at all of the words on the page.
3. Go back over the page, and with a thin black marker draw a box around the words that you want in your poem.
4. Color in (black out) the rest of the words on the page with the thick black marker, leaving just the words you selected.
5. Highlight all or some of the words, if you like, to create a more colorful effect.

