



Erasures

Introduction

Erasures are a fun and easy way to create a poem, and even more interesting when you do so with color and shape. When you start with a text source, there is no need to come up with any words or sentences on your own. By selecting words, phrases and sentences from text that already exist, you can create new meaning...*your* meaning.

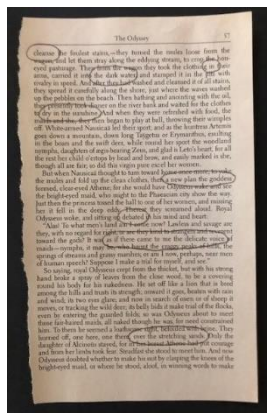
Mindful Reflection

*cleanse
in
the dark water
dry in the sunshine
a new plan the goddess
debated
as if there came to me the delicate voice
over the stretching sands.*

Materials

- page from a book, photocopy or original
- pencil or pen
- oil pastels
- black cardstock
- glue stick
- *optional collage materials

Directions



1. Start with a text source. You can rip a page out of a book, make a photocopy of a book page or grab any sheet of paper with text on it hanging around.
2. Pick the words on the page that you want to keep. You can circle them with a pencil, underline them or just wing it as you go. You can choose words that build a narrative or randomly select ones that grab your attention.
3. Erase the words that you didn't select but creating a picture out of the space around your words in your poem.
4. Use your glue stick to mount your piece on a sheet of black cardstock. Add some optional collage materials to fill out your piece.