DAY #3:

Reductive "Blackout" Poetry
What you’ll need:

- Pen or permanent marker
- Old book, magazine pages, newspaper, or letters

Be inspired!
Print or photocopy a song, poem, or piece of writing that is meaningful to you.
STEP 1

With your document, start by circling compelling words or phrases to make new meaning.

I want to start by circling words that remind me of the outdoors!
EDUCATOR TIP!

DISCUSS THE POWER OF WORDS AND HOW THE TEXT WAS TRANSFORMED.

STEP 2

Color over the other words to create your own poem!
BE CREATIVE!

* Draw pictures inspired by the words circled in your poem!
* Give your poem a title!
* Imagine your poem as a song!

Artist Jeffrey Gibson explains, “When I appropriate language in my art—song lyrics, poetry—these borrowed words give me confidence to articulate something that I did not have words for in my own life experience at the time—they spoke to me and for me.”
Did you try this activity? Share your poems with us!

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