Blackout Poetry

A poet starts with established text and redacts from it until a new, original poem is formed.
Half of the fun is choosing the original source and medium.
Travis Macdonald’s *The O Mission Repo* is a book of blackout poetry written atop the 9-11 Commission Report. Evocative and daring, it displays the power of writing blackout poetry and importance of choosing a source.
More Examples

we deserve close human
embrace growing in importance
The ocean shore

avails avails not, bones,
replotted its own, enough,
don’t care differential power,
replishment’d

Why should we care? Children laughingly fling themselves under

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Significance

• Escaping writer’s block
• Introduction to poetry
• Creating evocative poetry