Blackout Poetry
Go, lovely rose,
This is no country for old men. The young
Midwinter spring is its own season
And a few lilies blow. They that have power to
hurt, and will do none.
Looking as if she were alive, I call.
The vapours weep their burthen to the ground.
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A poet starts with established text and redacts from it until a new, original poem is formed.
Poetry and Process

take what is ‘yours’ and make it ‘ours’
Half of the fun is choosing the original source and medium.
Poetic Craft

Metaphor
Rhythm/Meter
Compression of imagery
Economy of language
Enjambment
Voice
Applying Craft

How does craft help you find the Found poem?
Travis Macdonald’s *The O Mission Repo* is a book of blackout poetry written atop the 9-11 Commission Report.
More Examples

we deserve close human
embrace growing in importance The ocean shore
avails avails not, bones,
replicated its own delicious security
reçiv’d enough, power,
replenish’d

Why should we care? Children laughingly flinging themselves under

We are welcome here
Why Blackout Poetry?

- Escaping writer’s block
- Introduction to poetry
- Creating evocative poetry
- Communicating through process
- Practicing poetic craft