

# BLACKOUT POETRY

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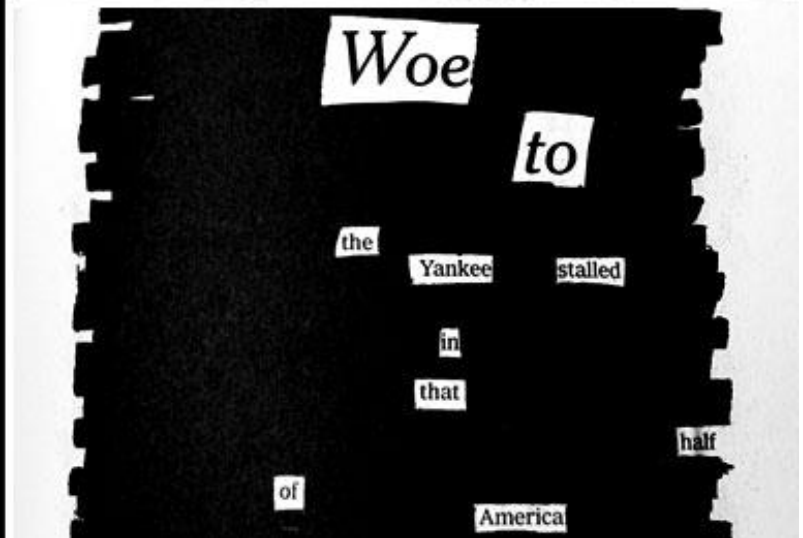
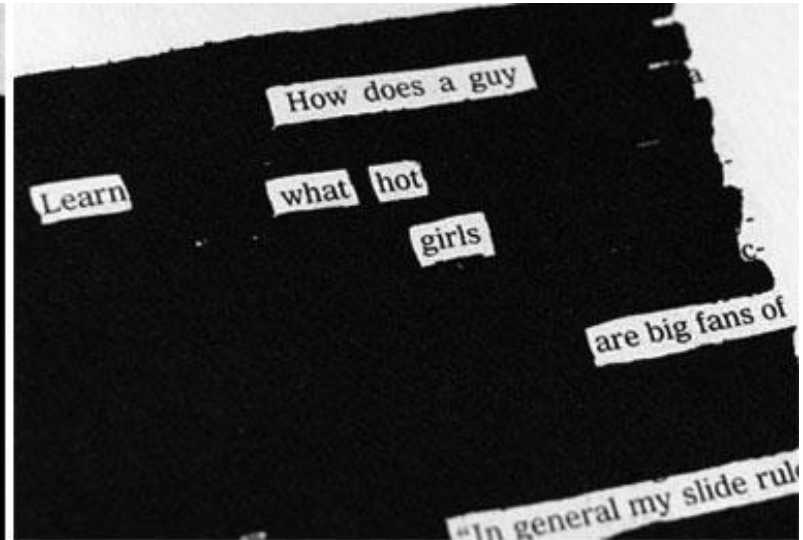
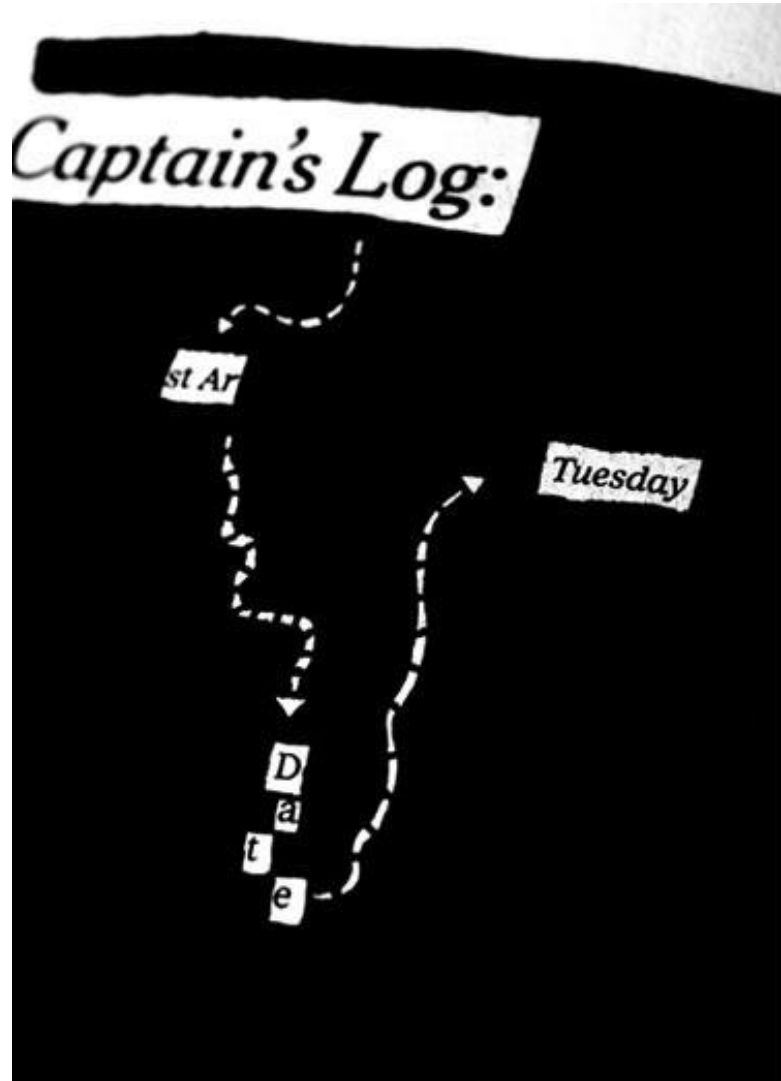
# WHAT IS IT?

- BLACKOUT POETRY is a way to creatively express using other people's words, and making their words your own
  - You take a newspaper article, find words you like, and blackout the words you don't want
    - What's left behind is a new, original poem

# WHO STARTED IT?

- AUSTIN KLEON is a native of Austin, Texas. He was a struggling writer, and realized that he could create great work by simply using a newspaper.
- He started blacking out words and creating poetry.
- He is the author of NEWSPAPER BLACKOUT, and his work has been featured in numerous art galleries and poetry periodicals.

# WHAT DOES IT LOOK LIKE?



# HOW DO I MAKE IT?

- To make BLACKOUT POETRY, all you need is three things:
  - A newspaper, or other type of text, like an old book.
  - A black marker
  - CREATIVITY, and the ability to find something new and insightful

# WHAT RULES DO I FOLLOW?

- We're all using the same article
- Find anchor words-
  - Words that stand out to you
  - Maybe you see deadbeat dad, then make a poem about a bad relationship
- Rules:
  - 15 word minimum
  - Clearly show the path of the words
  - Show me your rough draft
  - Make your black space mirror or enhance your poem