

Found Poem

Each group member must write your own found poem. A Found Poem is a collection of words or phrases quoted from a piece of literature.

It uses someone else's words, but you, the poet, combine them in a new way. Write a Found Poem using words and phrases from your novel following these directions.

1. Think about the mood and primary themes in your novel. Each of your poems must relate to a different theme and use the main character's own words or descriptions of the main character to show how he/she grew and changed over the course of the novel.
2. Begin by skimming your book and choosing thirty or more key words or phrases.
3. Arrange these words or phrases in a pleasing and meaningful way to make a poem, which shows how the character grew and relates that growth to the novel's mood and theme.
4. Write or type the poem and illustrate it with some type of border **illustration**.
5. Include an **"Afterward" that is at least a paragraph long** describing the novel's mood and theme and stating how these relate to the character.
6. Your found poem must have a title and be at least **24 lines long**

7. Grading Rubric

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| a. Creative Title | 10 points |
| b. Based on (include novel's Title & Author) | 10 points |
| c. Poem is 24 lines long | 20 points |
| d. Poem depicts mood & theme | 20 points |
| e. Poem shows how character changed in the novel | 20 points |
| f. "Afterward" describes mood, theme, and character's change | 20 points |

Example – (Your title needs to be more creative than this example!!!!)

Found Poetry Based on Elsie Wall by _____

from American Life Histories, 1936-1940

Rocks in her chair between supper and dinner,
thirty-two but looks forty-five.
Never learned how to chop in the garden,
never learned right how to pay at the store.

Rocks in her chair between supper and dinner,

Name _____

Class _____

children in rags lined up on the porch:
all she can count, all she can figure.
How can she clothe them to send them to school?

Daughters with bright eyes of Jean Harlow,
hang Jesus and movie stars framed on the walls.
Six dollars a week for six mouths in the family:
How will they work, get out of this town?

Jim works in the cotton mill, tends crops in the garden.
Elsie can cook if there's food in the house.
Pots catch the flow from the rainy roof leaks.
Rocks on her porch in rain or in fine.