



Shape Poetry

Writing a SHAPE POEM using the FOUND POETRY TECHNIQUE.

Found poetry is a type of poetry created by taking words, phrases, and sometimes whole passages from other sources and reframing them as poetry (a literary equivalent of a collage) by making changes in spacing and lines, or by adding or deleting text, thus imparting meaning.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Found_poetry

A shape poem is shaped like the thing it describes. While the words, writing style, and literary devices impact the meaning of the poem, the physical shape of the poem is also of significance.

Techniques:

- Choose a topic. Write down all the words that come to mind about the topic.
- Choose an object to be the subject for your poem. Draw a simple outline of its shape.
- Write your poem normally. Describe how the subject makes you feel.
- Write between 6-12 lines. It does not have to rhyme!
- Write your poem into the shape. Adjust the size of the shape, if necessary.
- Erase the outline of your shape, so that it is just the words that create the image.

Adapted from: <https://www.poetry4kids.com/lessons/how-to-write-a-concrete-poem/>

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oh                               my
what                             sort
beauty                           is this
creature                          @   wit' wings
does it fly                       ***  does it sing
it floats by                      ***  i do descry
and flutters high ***            upon it's wings
i think it's called a butterfly;and,no,it
  doesn't sing or @   give us cream
and doesn't @   try to sting us,
and goes @   South 'fore
it gets                               too cold
for it                               to fly
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Butterfly by David Schondelmeyer: <https://mseffie.com/assignments/poem-a-day/10.html>



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Writing a Shape Found poem

- Choose an idea, a character, a theme or an event from the chapter.
- Choose an object or shape that can be associated with that idea, character, theme or event.
- Describe that idea, character, theme or event with imagery and details from the chapter.
- Write out your poem.
- Draw your shape. Fit your poem into the shape.
- Modify the shape and edit the poem to get the desired result.

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