Found poetry

What is poetry?

There are many variations on the definition of poetry. Some poems have very specific rules and others do not. Some poems rhyme, others do not. Sometimes they use words/phrases; Sometimes they use sentences. Often grammatical rules are not followed. Some are long; some are short. Essentially poetry is a literary work which tends to express feelings and ideas by the use of distinctive styles or rhythm.

How to create a found poem

1. Generate a list of words, phrases or sentences about a topic.
2. Circle words, phrases or sentences that are important, powerful, interesting, emotional or follow a theme.
3. Look for connections between what you have circled to figure out what you want your poem to be about.
4. Number the items you have circled in the order that makes sense to you.
5. Write out your circled words, phrases and/or sentences in the order you have numbered.
6. Add or change things as you wish to create your finished poem.
7. Think of titles for your poems

Other types of poems