

# SIX STEPS TO BLACKOUT POETRY

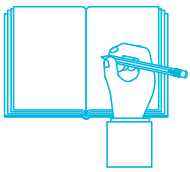
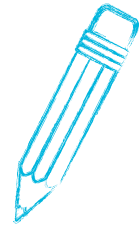


## SCAN

Scan the piece of text for a word or general theme that stands out to you. This will be your anchor word.

## IDENTIFY

Reread the text in full and lightly circle any words that relate to the anchor word. On a blank piece of paper, record each of the words in order.



## REFINE

Read the words you have chosen and cross out any words you do not want to use.

## CONNECT

Go back to the text to find any connecting words (in, the, on, a, etc.) you might need and add them.



## OUTLINE

Going back to the text and define each word using a marker, pen, sharpie or coloured pencil. Rub out any unwanted pencil marks.

## ILLUSTRATE

Sketch an image or number of images that relate to your poem. Colour in everything except the words in your poem, allowing them to stand out and finalise your illustration.



**POETRY IS A WAY TO EXPRESS YOURSELF,  
ENJOY IT!**