

Step 1: Take a page from a book.



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Lying there
On the stairs.
Will he say hello?'*

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Step 2: Highlight or circle a selection of words.

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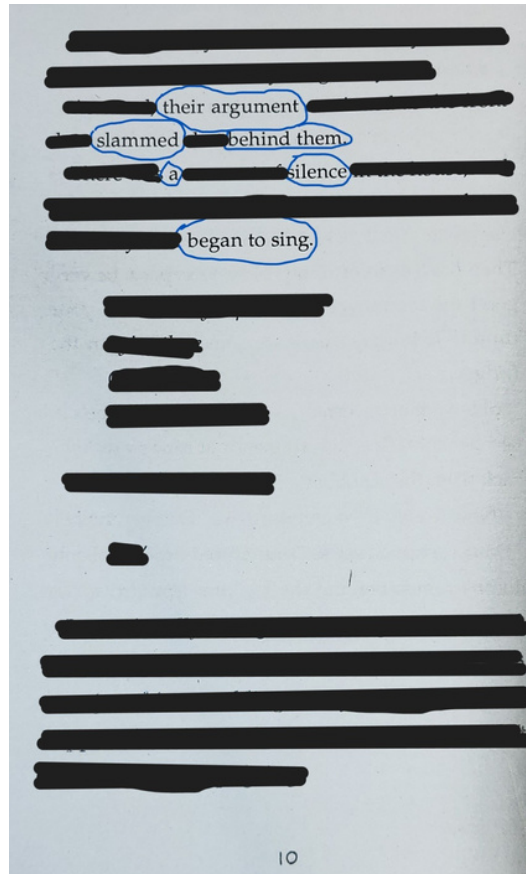
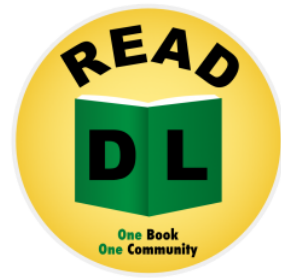
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Step 3: Blackout the words not being used.



Step 4: Write a poem with the selected words.

