

# BLACKOUT

# POETRY

COMPETITION  
FOR HIGH SCHOOL RANGATAHI

CREATE A POEM, WIN PRIZES!

1st place - \$75 Prezzy Card

2nd place - \$50 Prezzy Card

3rd place - \$25 Prezzy Card



Entries close  
Friday 24 January 2025

See reverse for  
conditions of entry



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## What is **Blackout Poetry**?

Blackout poetry is a form of poetry that erases words from an existing text to create a new poem. Choose a piece of text - such as a newspaper article or a page of an old book - pick out which words you'll use to form your poem, and think of a way to blackout the rest of the source text. You could highlight your chosen words, draw or shade around them, cross out the words you aren't using, or take to the page with a pair of scissors. Get creative!

## Conditions of Entry

- To enter this competition, you must live in the Ōtorohanga District and be attending high school (or undertaking secondary schooling via distance learning e.g. homeschooling)
- You are welcome to submit as many poems as you like, but you cannot win more than one prize
- All poems **MUST** be in the blackout poetry style to be eligible for entry into the competition
- Entries should be no bigger than A4 size and must be a tangible piece of work - we will not be accepting digital submissions
- Please include your full name, age, high school, and a phone number or email address with your entry so that we can notify you if you win
- Ōtorohanga District Libraries will keep all entries, and reserves the right to publish them on our social media or otherwise

Any questions? Contact us:

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