

POETRY

1. Read Tzara's dada instructions and stick your dada poem here. You can do it in pairs or in groups, too, if you like.

HOW TO MAKE A DADAIST POEM

- To make a Dadaist poem:
- Take a newspaper.
- Take a pair of scissors.
- Choose an article as long as you are planning to make your poem.
- Cut out the article.
- Then cut out each of the words that make up this article and put them in a bag.
- Shake it gently.
- Then take out the scraps one after the other in the order in which they left the bag.
- Copy conscientiously.
- The poem will be like you.
- And here you are a writer, infinitely original and endowed with a sensibility that is charming though beyond the understanding of the vulgar.

Tristan Tzara

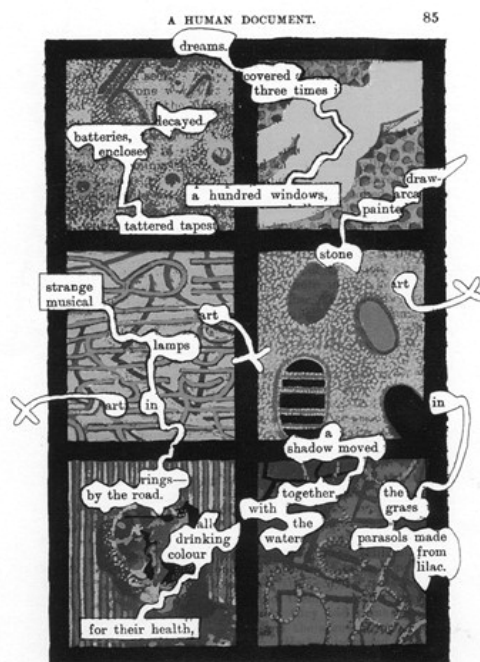
Poetry has often used typographic resources to add meaning to words. Inspired in calligrams by Apollinaire, we now also have Visual Poetry.

2. Look at these poems by Eleanor Nichol <http://www.thing.net/~grist/l&d/bpnichol/ky-ebp01.htm> and Tom Phillips <http://rosacordis.com/humument/index2.html> and think about what you feel.

"Blues" (below)

"A Human Document" (on your right)

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1. Choose words and make your own...

APHORISMS

Using witty thoughts in Posters

Look at the poster. Read these quotes by artists and other thinkers. Use one to make a poster or make up your own sentence.

(Web Page Source: Quote posters at The Kennedy Center for Performing Arts. ArtsEDGE)

Creativity takes courage. Henri Matisse (painter)

The dance is a poem of which each movement is a word. - Mata Hari (dancer)

Go confidently in the direction of your dreams.

Live the life you've imagined. - Henry David

Thoreau (philosopher)

BE DIFFERENT



USE YOUR BRAIN

Words are, of course, the most powerful drug used by mankind. - Rudyard Kipling (writer)

Dancing is like dreaming with your feet. - Constanze (dancer)

Without music, life is a journey through a desert. - Pat Conroy

I try to apply colors like words that shape poems, like notes that shape music. - Joan Miro (painter)

There is always music amongst the trees in the garden, but our hearts must be very quiet to hear it. - M. Aumonier

The aim of art is to represent not the outward appearance of things, but their inward significance. - Aristotle (philosopher)

Countless unseen details are often the only difference between mediocre and magnificent. - Anonymous

Dance first. Think later. It's the natural order. - Samuel Beckett (writer)

Art is the symbol of the two noblest human efforts: to construct and to refrain from destruction. - Simone Weil (woman philosopher)

Nothing you write, if you hope to be any good, will ever come out as you first hoped. - Lillian Hellman (writer)

Art is either plagiarism or revolution. Paul Gauguin (painter)

Do not fear mistakes, there are none. - Miles Davis (musician)

Anyone who has never made a mistake has never tried anything new. - Albert Einstein (scientist)

Creativity is allowing yourself to make mistakes. Art is knowing which ones to keep. - Scott Adams

Good art is not what it looks like, but what it does to us. - Roy Adzak

Music was my refuge, I could crawl into the space between the notes and curl my back to loneliness. - Maya Angelou (writer)

Anyone who says sunshine brings happiness has never danced in the rain. - Anonymous