


# Blackout Poetry Directions

Anchor Words: Words packed with meaning that can help create a theme.

1. Scan the text before reading closely. Look for **anchor words** that can help build a theme.
2. Read the entire text closely. Circle words that connect to anchor words.
3. List all circled words on a piece of paper. Write them in order of appearance on the text.
4. Select, reject, and modify the words as needed until they create a poem. If you are having trouble, return to the text for inspiration or word choices.
5. Try different possibilities before choosing the final option.
6. Return to the text and erase circles around words that you are not going to use.
7. Add an illustration or drawing that relates to your poem. Make sure not to draw over your poem.



 Scan me

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Silhouette –  
Outline of a  
picture

1. Brainstorm different pictures that relate to the Revolutionary War. Draw the **silhouette** of one picture.
2. Scan the text within the silhouette and (using a pencil!) box in words that interest you.
3. List all boxed-in words on a piece of paper. Write them in order of appearance on the text.
4. Select, reject, and modify the words as needed until they create a poem. If you are having trouble, return to the text for inspiration or word choices.
5. Try different possibilities before choosing the final option.
6. Return to the text and erase circles around words that you are not going to use.
7. Add colors to your drawing to emphasize important ideas from your poem.



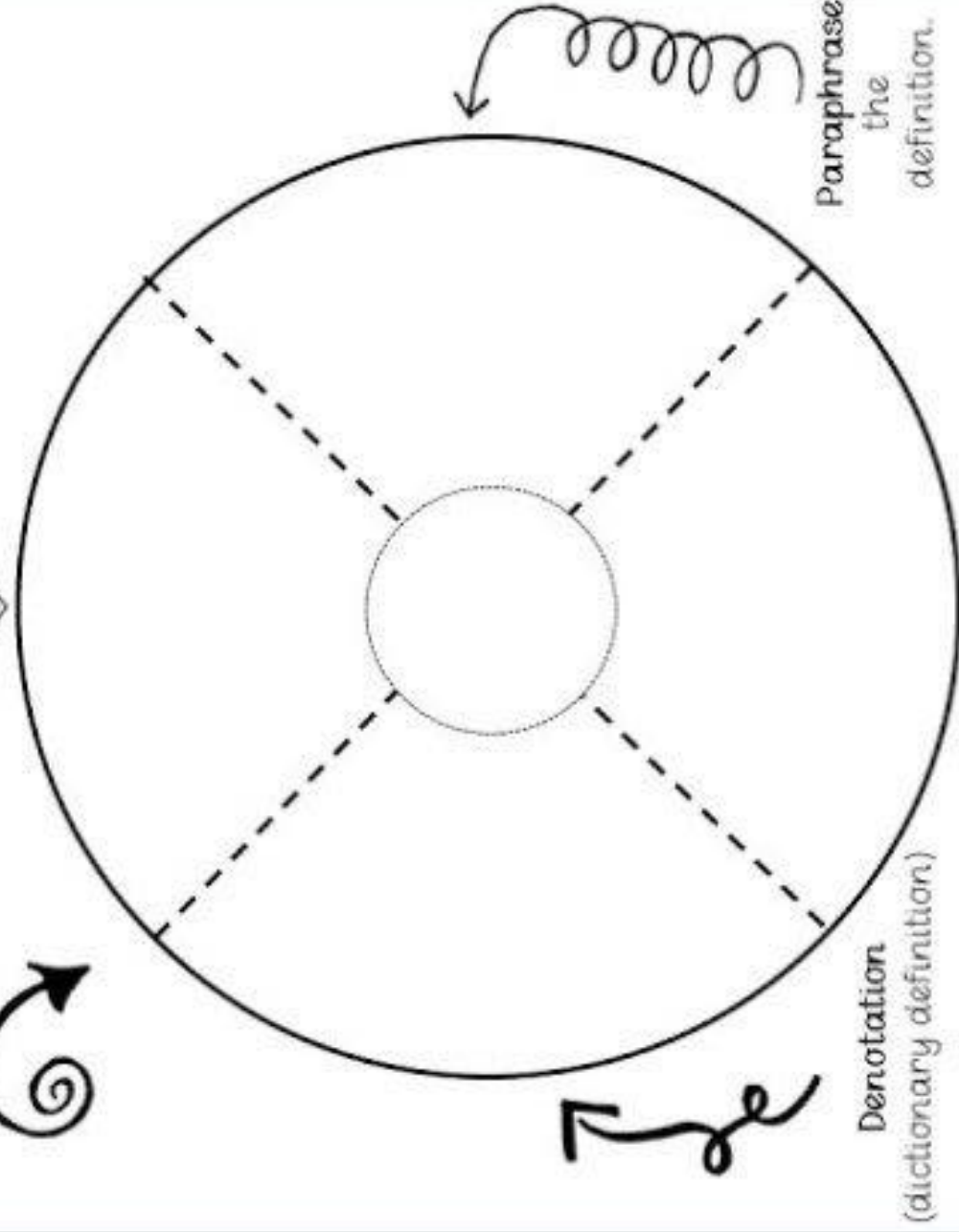
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## Vocabulary Concept Wheel

Name \_\_\_\_\_

**WRITE THE  
WORD IN THE  
CENTER.**

What does the word make  
you think of?



Paraphrase  
the  
definition.

Denotation  
(dictionary definition)

Draw a picture  
representing the word,  
or use the word in a  
sentence.

**Communication**

*Cooperation*

Acceptance

Doing the *right* thing

Achievement

Never **giving** up

Hard work

Responsibility

Fears

Patience

*Differences*

# Theme Topics

Dreams

**Hope**

Self-confidence

Respect

Trust

*Equality*

Honesty

*Peace*

**Kindness**

Aggression

Independence

Courage

## **ELEMENTS OF POETRY**

<p><b><u>MOOD or TONE</u></b> The feeling the reader gets from the poem</p>	<p><b><u>SYMBOLISM</u></b> When something represents or stands for something else</p>	<p><b><u>METER</u></b> The rhythm or beat established by a poem</p>	<p><b><u>RHyme</u></b> Words have the same ending sound</p>
<p><b><u>FIG. LANG.</u></b> Simile, metaphor, hyperbole, idiom, personification</p>	<p><b><u>CONNOTATION</u></b> (word association) <b><u>DENOTATION</u></b> (dictionary meaning)</p>	<p><b><u>REPETITION</u></b> Author repeats a word, line, or phrase for emphasis</p>	<p><b><u>ALLITERATION</u></b> Words have the same beginning sound</p>
<p><b><u>IMAGERY</u></b> Author uses words that appeal to senses (sight, touch, smell, sound, taste)</p>	<p><b><u>IRONY</u></b> The difference between the way something appears and what is actually true</p>	<p><b><u>VOICE or P.O.V</u></b> Who is the narrator? What do we know about them?</p>	<p><b><u>ASSONANCE</u></b> Words have the same middle vowel sound</p>
<p><b><u>DICTION</u></b> Language used in poetry: vocabulary, phrasing, usage</p>	<p><b><u>FORM</u></b> Cinquain, free verse, haiku, ballad, limerick, sonnet, ode, etc.</p>	<p><b><u>STANZA</u></b> Division of lines into groups</p>	<p><b><u>WORD ORDER</u></b> Author varies word order for meaning and effect.</p>