

## Create a “Found” Poem!

1. In small groups of 4-5 students, find words and phrases in one of Sy Montgomery’s books that reflect the “essence” of the chapter(s) you read. These should be words that are important to the meaning of the chapter.
2. Together, collect about 8 key words or phrases. Write down the exact words from your book! They should be quotes!
3. Then, on your own, choose 4-5 of these words and phrases and put them into an interesting, meaningful order. That becomes your poem!!!

For example:

From *Encantado* by Sy Montgomery

I selected the following words and phrases:

- So bring a poncho.
- The creature’ pearl-gray eyes look right into yours.
- these creatures are enchanted
- really big front flippers – almost like wings
- hidden, watery mysteries of the Amazon’s jungle rivers
- jungle’s secrets
- a trail of bubbles
- Your face is wet with the dolphin’s spray
- “CHAAA!”

4. My first attempt at a found poem was:

Jungle secrets

A trail of bubbles

Hidden, watery mysteries of the Amazon’s jungle rivers

So bring a poncho.

Really big front flippers –

Almost like wings

5. I revised my poem to improve the flow and the meaning (still using the exact words from the book).

Jungle secrets

Hidden, watery mysteries of the Amazon’s jungle rivers

A trail of bubbles

Really big front flippers –

Almost like wings

6. My final copy. This version includes my poem's title and the book's title as the fifth line, which clarifies my poem.

## Jungle Secrets

Hidden, watery mysteries of the Amazon's jungle rivers  
A trail of bubbles  
Really big front flippers –  
Almost like wings  
Encantado  
These creatures are enchanted.

A poem created by Ms. Strock, using Sy Montgomery's words from *Encantado*.