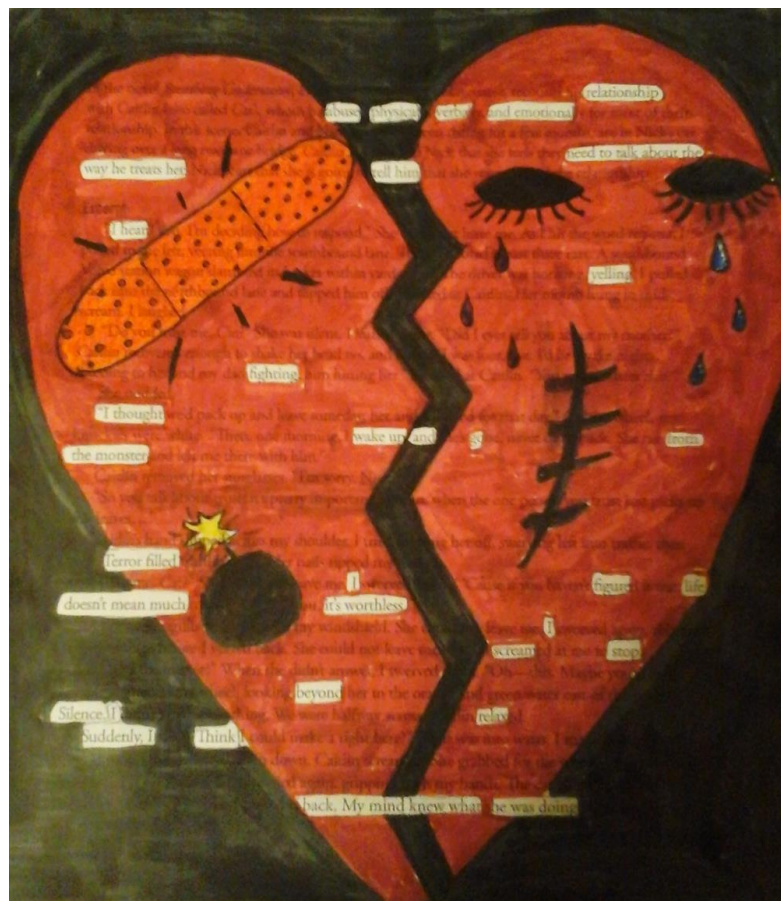


Breathing Underwater: Found Poem Activity

Create a FOUND Poem that depicts dating violence using the *Breathing Underwater* excerpt.

1. Read the excerpt from *Breathing Underwater*. Choose the front or back of the story excerpt to complete the following.
2. Draw a box around words and phrases that represent or symbolize dating violence.
3. Draw a picture or design throughout the background of this excerpt to make the words you are using "pop" out as your Found Poem.
4. See sample below for a better understanding.



The Found Poem from the above Sample:

Relationship abuse—physical, verbal and emotional

Need to talk about the way he treats her, tell him I hear yelling, fighting.

I thought “wake up and go from the monster”.

Terror filled, I figure life doesn't mean much; it's worthless.

I scream “Stop”! Beyond silence I relax.

Suddenly, I think back. My mind knew what he was doing.