

LIPOGRAM EXERCISE | ENGL 361

The lipogram is any poem that excludes the use of a certain letter, a vowel or a consonant. The poet Christian Bök takes it further in his creations and excludes the use of all vowels except one. In your groups (blue, green yellow, and red) you are to *collaborate* on a Bök-style lipogram. Each group *collectively* will compose one poem that is limited to the use of words that feature only one vowel. Your poems must be in sentences and contain at least twenty different words.

Blue: A

Green: E

Yellow: I

Red: O

In class, come up with a list of words that major in your vowel. Then figure out how you want to put these words together. Then type the poem up (one poem per group) and be ready to read it aloud in class on October 11.

DUE: Wednesday, October 11

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You each are to write a fourteen-line poem that need not be rhymed and that incorporates these fourteen words, one for each line:

1. blue
2. music
3. ambulance
4. future
5. moon
6. voodoo
7. grow
8. serenity
9. good
10. see
11. up
12. ask
13. season
14. shadow

These words can appear anywhere within the line (at the beginning, at the end, in the middle).

The lines must be eight-to-twelve syllables long; the poem must be broken up into stanzas; you must use enjambment at least three times.

Let language lead.

Pair up with someone; you will serve as consultants to one another.