

A cozy window scene with a red mug and a blanket. The background shows a window with a view of a snowy landscape and evergreen trees. In the foreground, a red mug sits on a white and orange patterned blanket. The scene is warm and inviting, suggesting a winter or spring break setting.

SPRING BREAK STAYCATION ACTIVITIES

Know that I'm thinking about you and cannot wait to start learning together again on the 20th! Stay Safe, Mama Boas

DURING YOUR STAYCATION THIS WEEK...

... If you want to do something to fill a couple moments of quarantined time, explore a few of these options:

- It's National Poetry Month!
 1. Found Poetry
 2. Ode to Quarantine
 3. Re-Write Lyrics to a Favorite Song
- 4. Watch a TED Talk & Discuss on Turnitin.com
- 5. Read a Short Story and Add Your Analysis to a Padlet
- 6. Creative Writing Opportunity





FOUND POETRY

Read the article found in a doc [here](#) or [online](#) and create a Found Poem.

- Remember, Found Poems, “... take existing texts and refashion them, reorder them, and present them as poems. The literary equivalent of a collage, found poetry is often made from newspaper articles, street signs, graffiti, speeches, letters, or even other poems.
- A pure found poem consists exclusively of outside texts: the words of the poem remain as they were found, with few additions or omissions. Decisions of form, such as where to break a line, are left to the poet.

I recommend reading the article in its entirety; however, you do not have to use text from the entire article to create your poem. It is simply an interesting read from so many different perspectives 😊

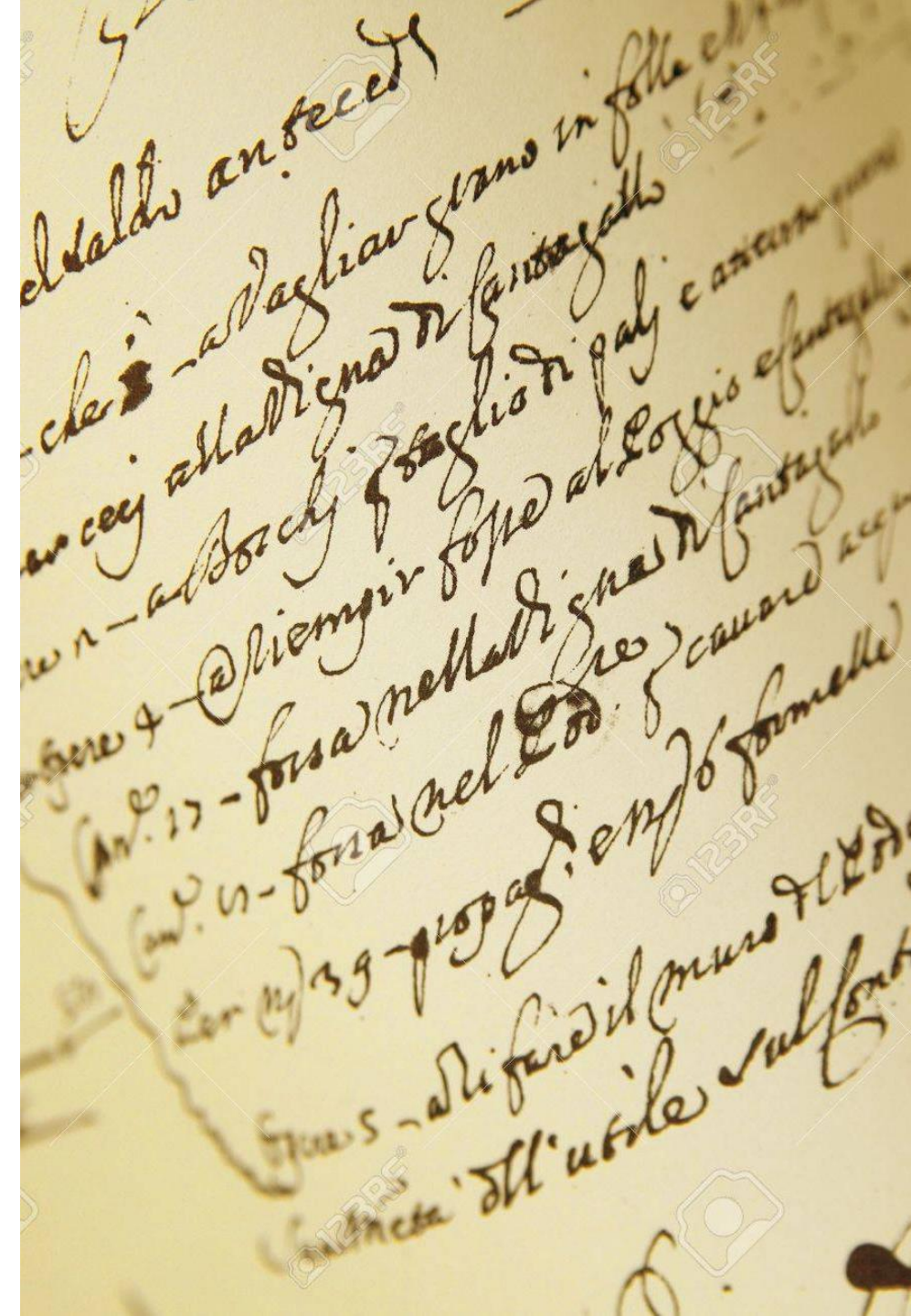
Consider posting it on our [Turnitin.com page](#) under the correct Discussion Tab.

WRITE AN ODE TO QUARANTINE/THE PANDEMIC

Remember:

- An ode is a form of poetry such as **sonnet** or **elegy**. Ode is a literary technique that is lyrical in nature, but not very lengthy. You have often read odes in which poets praise people, natural scenes, and abstract ideas. Ode is derived from a Greek word *aeidein*, which means to chant or sing. It is highly solemn and serious in its **tone** and **subject** matter, and usually is used with elaborate patterns of stanzas. However, the tone is often formal. A salient feature of ode is its uniform metrical feet, but poets generally do not strictly follow this rule though use highly elevated **theme**.

Write an uplifting ode to the heroes of this time in history, a lamenting ode to the things we miss, an elegy for what is lost, or a humorous one about how we are coping or dealing with this quarantine. Consider posting it on our **Turnitin.com class in the Discussion section under Odes**.



HAVE A FAVORITE SONG?

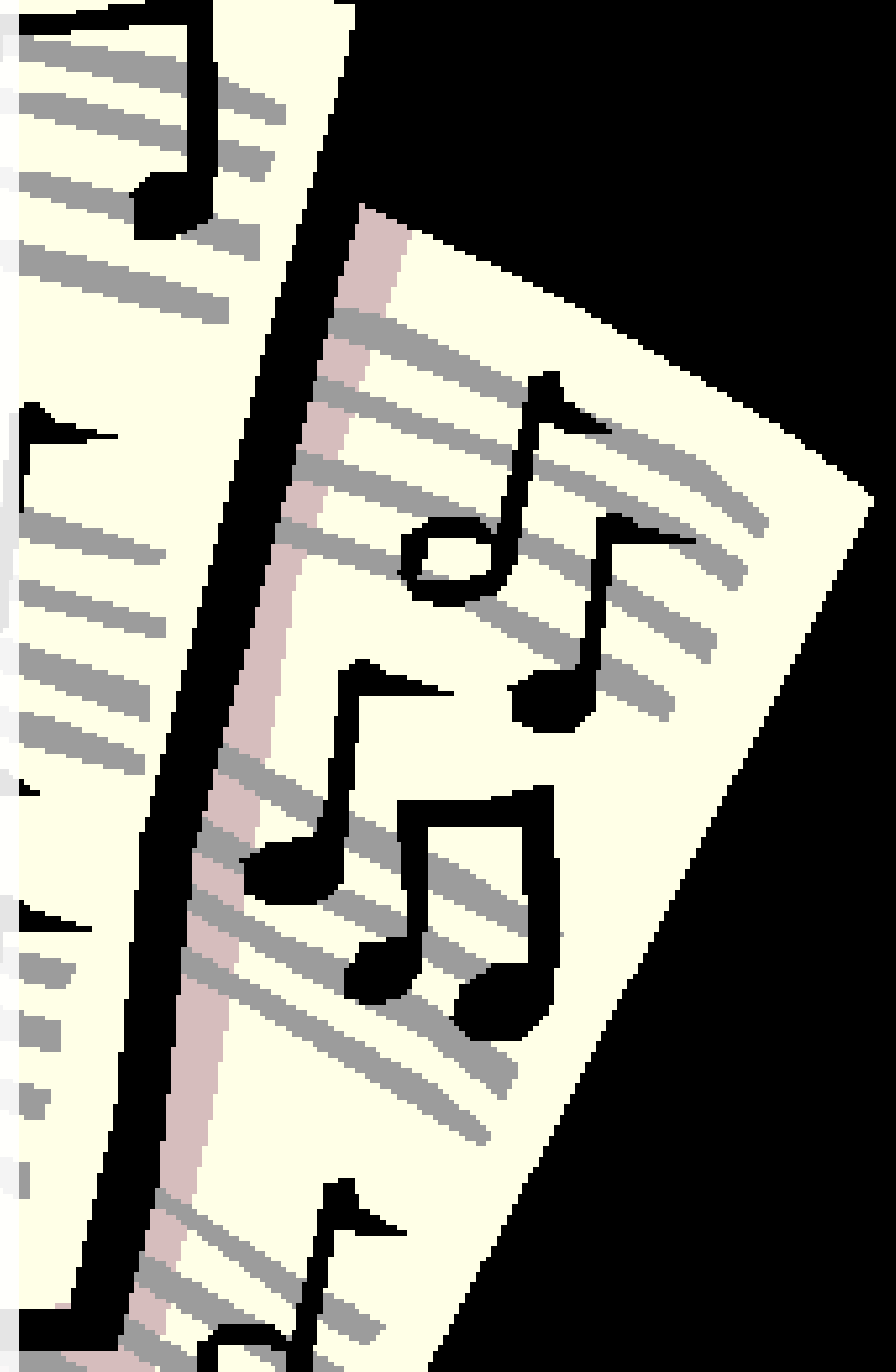
Create a parody of it.

Use the rhythm to structure your words but change them to either make fun of how things are going, rant about your situation, or just plain have fun shaking things up a bit.

Once you have finished, consider submitting it to the [discussion tab in Turnitin.com](#) under “Parodies.”

Here are a few examples:

“[Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious](#)”; “[Hello](#)”; and “[Under The Sea](#)” :D



TED TALK DISCUSSION

Watch one (or more) of the following TED Talks and then go our Turnitin.com page and find the Discussion tab/topic for an online discussion.

- [How Boredom Can Lead to Your Most Brilliant Ideas](#)
- [The Danger of Silence](#)
- [3 Ways to Speak English](#)
- [Grit: The Power of Passion and Perseverance](#)
- [My Descent into America's Neo-Nazi Movement – and How I Got Out](#)
- [Your Brain on Video Games](#)
- [How to Use a Paper Towel](#)
- [Inside the Mind of a Master Procrastinator](#)
- [Everyday Leadership](#)
- [Your Body Language May Shape Who You Are](#)

SHORT STORY FUN

Read one of these fun short stories and comment on [this Padlet](#):

- [“A Sound of Thunder”](#) (author of *Fahrenheit 451*- great book!)
- [“Harrison Bergeron”](#) (if you want a fun/brain scrambling novel, read another great book - *Cat’s Cradle* - by the same author!)
- [“The Lady, or the Tiger?”](#) (cliff hanger 😊)
- Offering up once again, [“The Secret Life of Walter Mitty”](#)



TAKE A JOURNAL
PROMPT, AND
WRITE A STORY...

Take one of these journal prompts and create a story where the character/s are dealing with the subject. Think outside of the box – it could be a mystery, comedy, romance, dystopian, utopian, fantasy, whatever you choose. The only requirement is that you have fun and [consider posting it on the correct Turnitin.com discussion tab.](#)

1. Is Social Media Making Us Narcissistic?
2. What's So Great About YouTube?
3. Is Your Phone Love Hurting Your Relationships?
4. Does Your Digital Life Have Side Effects?
5. What Role Does Hip-Hop [or any other genre] Play in Your Life?
6. Which Song is Your Soundtrack Right Now?
7. What Does The Video Games You Play Say About You?
8. Has a Book, Movie, Television Show, Video Game, Song Ever Inspired You to Do Something New?
9. Is the Loss of Cursive Writing Positive or Negative?
10. At What Age Should Children Be Allowed To Go Places Without Adult Supervision?

• ...these are just the tip of the iceberg! Don't find one that seems interesting? [Visit this list of 1000](#), yep, you read that correctly, 1000 Writing Prompts from the New York Times.