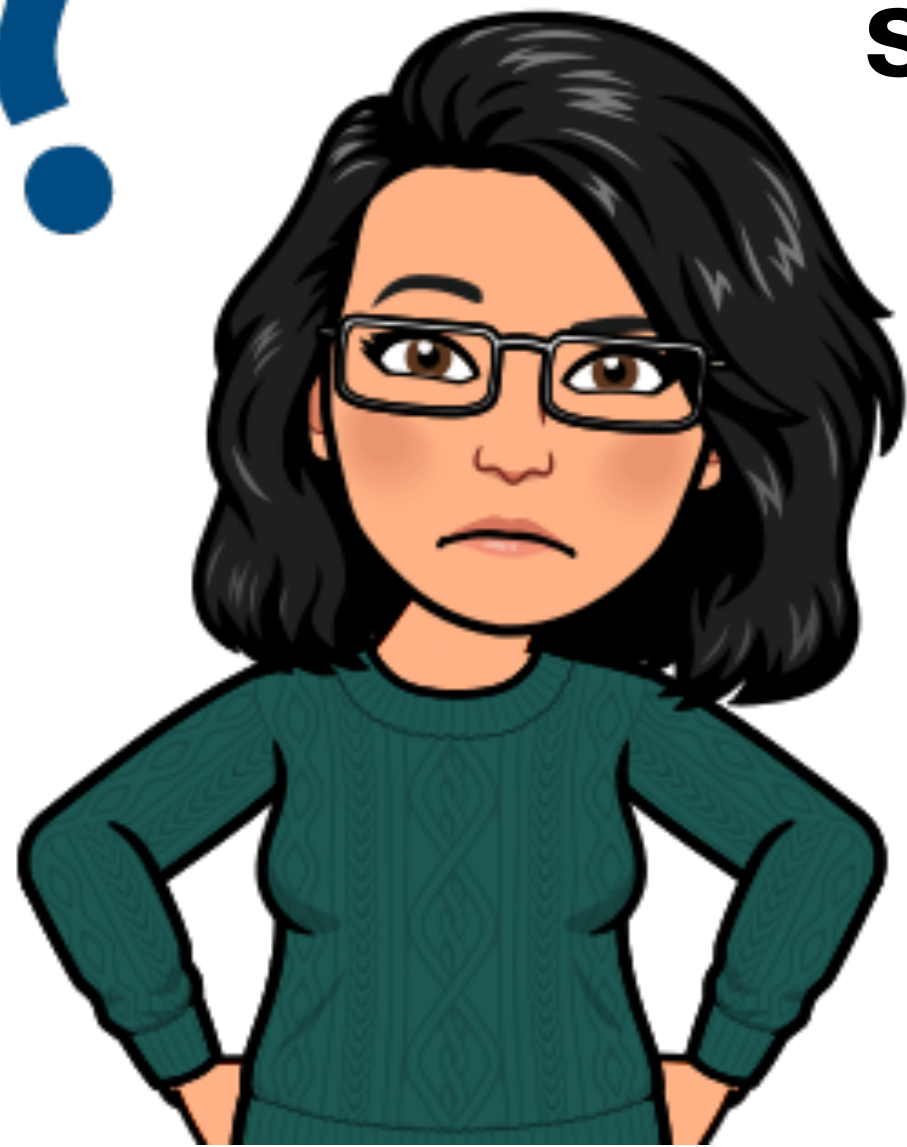




**CONCRETE
POETRY**

What is Concrete Poetry?

- Objects made out of words to create a poem
- Graphic (picture) is part of the words and meaning.
- Arranging your words or lines to create a shape.
- There is a connection between the poem and the shape.



Hot Air Balloon

from down
below I wave hello
to a man standing in
a basket, a basket hang
ing from a balloon, a ball
oon filled with hot air
that keeps it pre
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warm chewy
gingerbread man,
made in some oven
while lying in a pan.
people are waiting
to eat his hand.
why is it they will
mostly nibble on his limbs?
leaving him (if he could) pondering,
wondering just what he'd done to them?
this punishment is a bit harsh it seems
only just for giving them oh,
such tasty dreams.
children all begging
they want to taste too,
be sure there's enough
if it's the last thing that you do.
more are waiting cut them out fast,
although we try I'm pretty sure
they're not going to last.

Guitar

—
Vibrant
memories
pluck my mind
Gentle
strumming
Eased
into my ears
A hum
slides
alone
Into a
place
within
finger
tipped
firmed
curved

— notes —

Seeking each chord
of tempting harmony played
intimately in heartbeats among
the rivulets of a tempo step
Everything is felt in music
This happens as if holding
onto each note of my own life
Feeling harmonic vibrations
in deep resonating moods
of cool evenings on the patio
Crackling embers at a campfire
Voices recite songs held as would
become tradition of simpler times of
childhood friendships grown together
Held as if we could hold onto moments
of hopes, of loves, of dreams. The stars
seemed to fall only as we looked away
Gained as one humble guitar absorbs
a night sky of improvised melodies
Each harmony found by instinct
by touch, by invisible sight

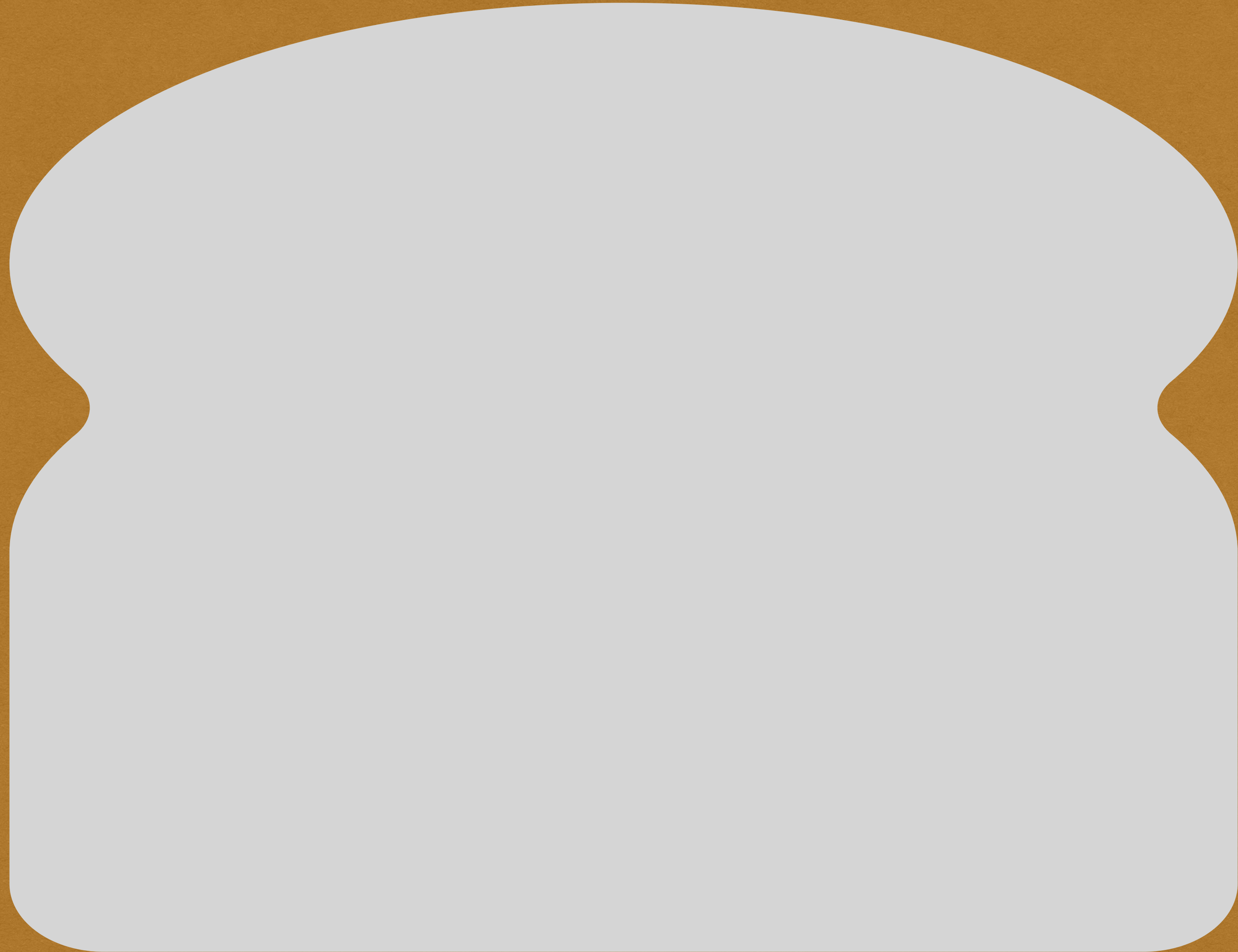
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Let's Brainstorm!

What are some objects that you could use for a concrete poem?

What do we know about bread?
How could we turn this into a poem?



Group Activity

- **Using the outline of the object on your sheet your group will come up with a way to turn this into a concrete poem.**
- **Choose one person to be your writer**
- **Together you will brainstorm some words and ideas related to your object**
- **These will be shared with the rest of the class afterwards**

What is Symbolism?

- A symbol something used to represent something else. (could be an object or character)
- Symbolism is when a symbol is used to represent a deeper meaning or message.
- For example. Since the beginning of the COVID-19 Pandemic, why have people been putting hearts in their window? What do the hearts mean?

Your Memory Poem

- **I want you to think about the most important event that has happened in your life.**
- **Was it winning a motocross race? Was it the first time you rode a horse? Was it scoring your first soccer goal? Your first day of school?**
- **I want you to come up with a symbol that represents that memory, and create a concrete poem.**

My Example



If I were to come up with a symbol to represent this memory I might use a graduation cap or a diploma.



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Home away from home. Four years. Graduation. Degree.
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The Bookstore Teaching and Learning Centre Stackers
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Four years gone. Two left to go. Crossing the stage brings this
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