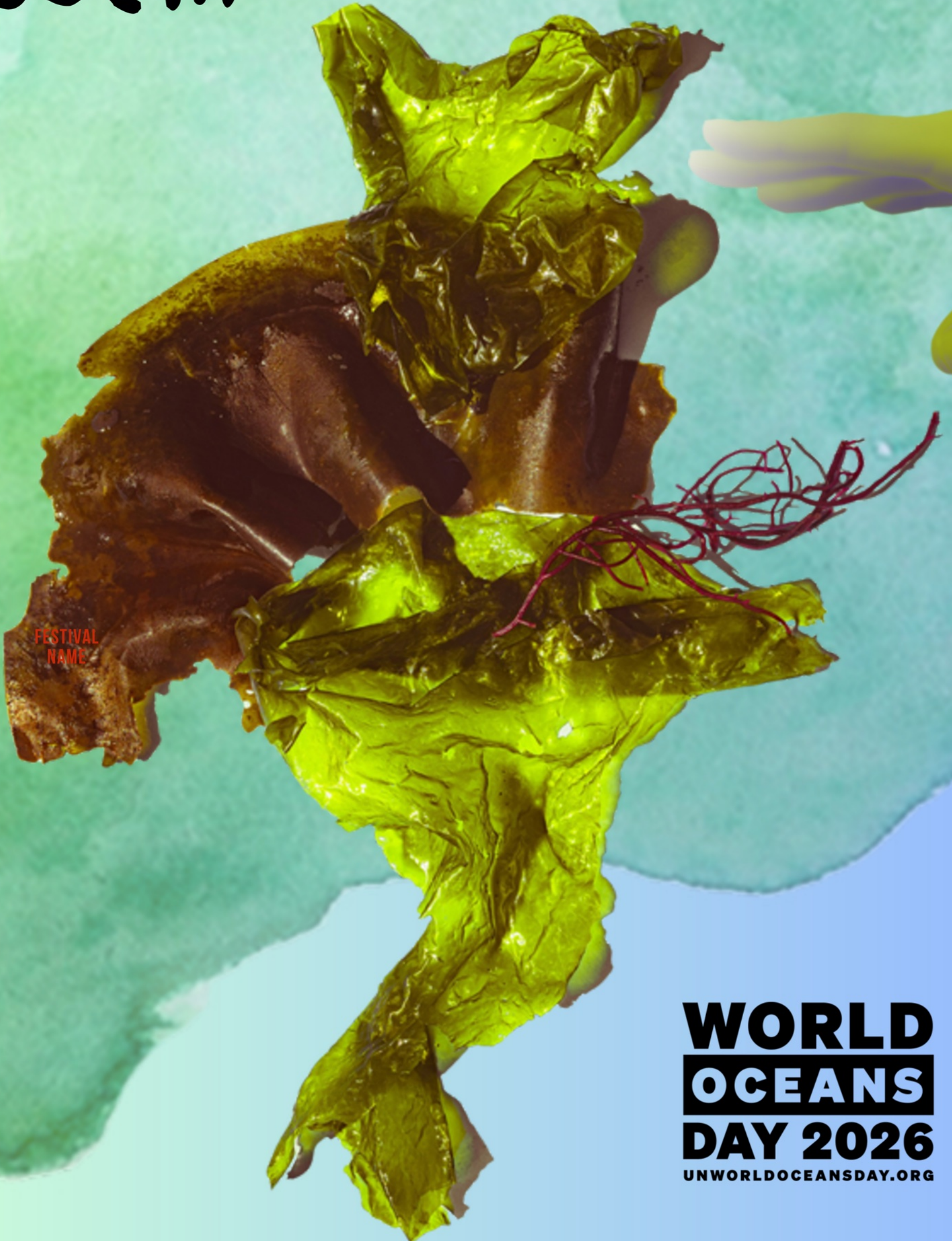


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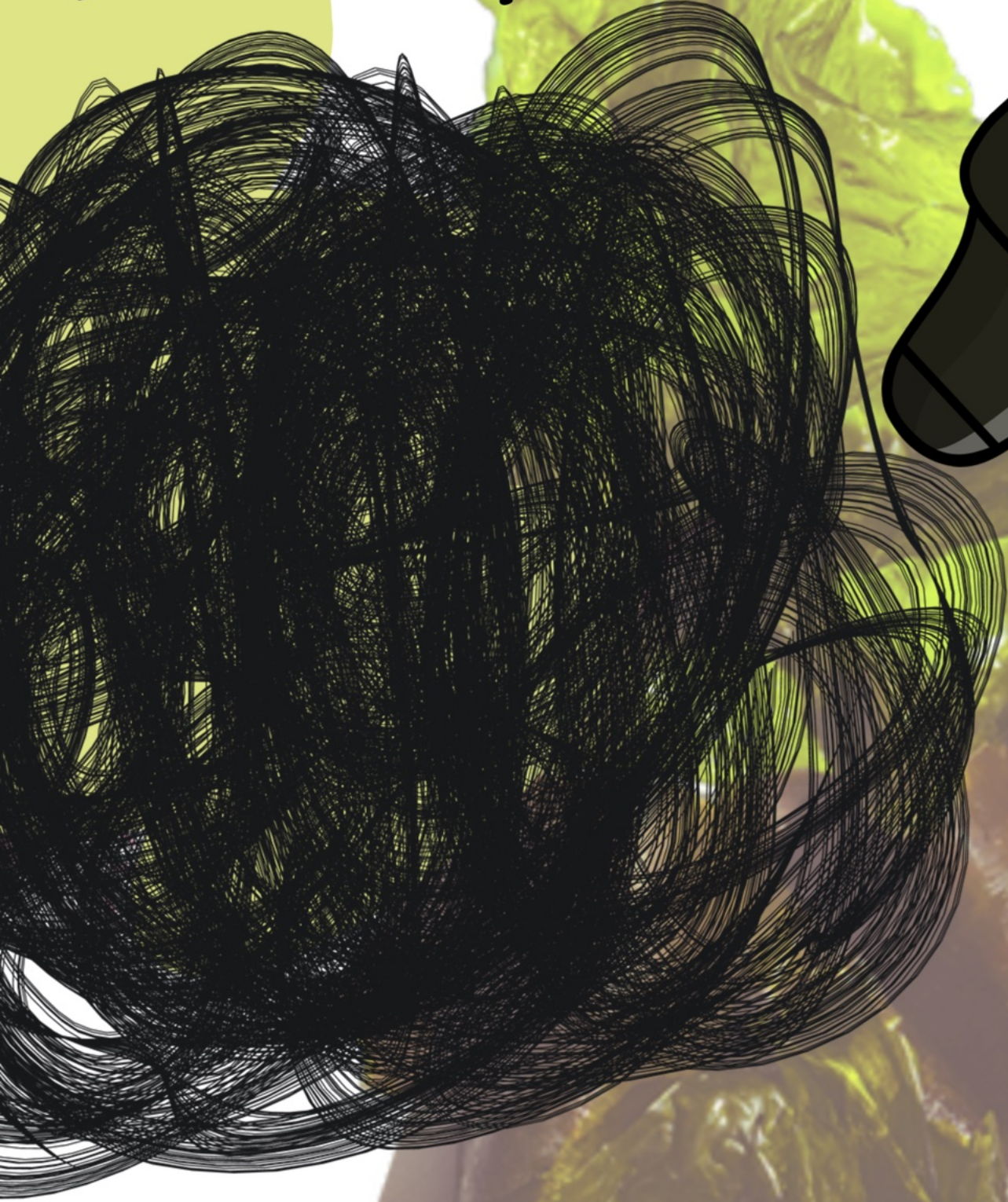
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# What is erasure poetry?



Erasure poetry, also known as blackout poetry is a way of making poems from texts that already exist.

It has historically been used as a form of protest poetry.

It allows you to choose what the text will say once you have done creative erasure on the majority of its words!

We invite you to make a poem for World Oceans Day and read some of the texts that govern ocean futures

# how to make your poem

Follow these steps!

1



Select a text for erasing

2



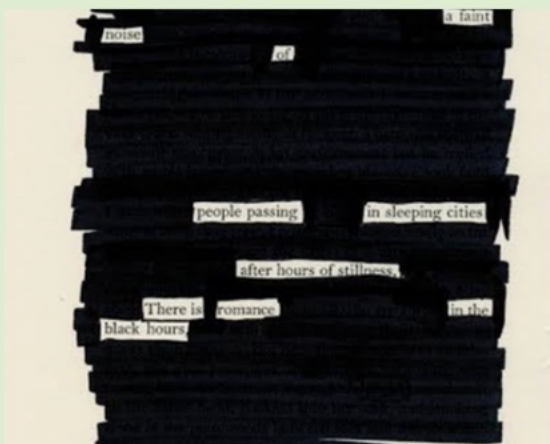
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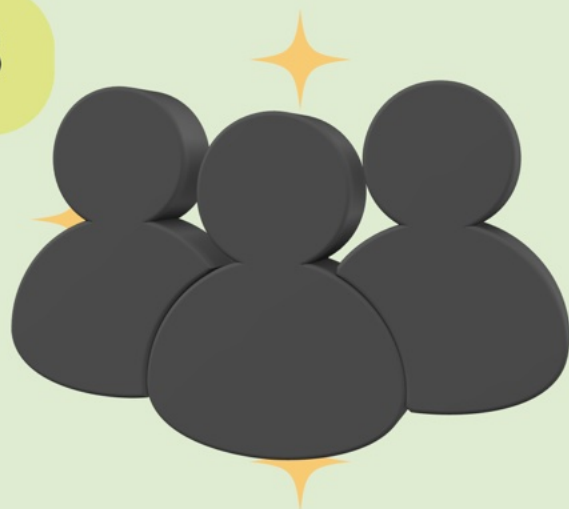
Choose a page and read the text

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Decide what words you want to leave behind

5



Read your poem out loud!

# POEM INSPIRATION

WHAT DOES THE PRACTICE OF UNITY AROUND THE OCEAN LOOK LIKE IN YOUR COMMUNITY OR ORGANIZATION, WHERE DOES IT EXIST AND WHERE IS IT MISSING?

HOW DOES YOUR COMMUNITY CURRENTLY TREAT WHAT BELONGS TO EVERYONE - AND THEREFORE TO NO ONE?

WHOSE VOICES ARE MISSING FROM OCEAN CONVERSATIONS, AND HOW DOES THAT SHAPE OUTCOMES?

WHAT WOULD YOUR COMMUNITY NEED TO LEAVE BEHIND TO MOVE FROM PASSIVE AWARENESS TO ACTIVE STEWARDSHIP?

HOW CAN COMMUNITIES BETTER REFLECT THE INTERCONNECTED NATURE OF THE OCEAN IN THEIR DECISIONS?

# REIMAGINE

Beyond The World We Know,  
A New Relationship With Our Ocean.