

## Student Samples of Found Poems

### **In the Topaz Dust**

by Brenna

We acted without thinking  
And shattered their trust  
Because of their heritage  
We locked them up in the Topaz dust.

American citizens they were  
American citizens they are.  
There is no excuse for our behavior  
There is no excuse by far.

Their homes were sold  
Their pets lost  
The belongings they thought fondly of  
Were given away for no cost.

I hope we've learned our lesson  
They are loyal to this day  
The Japanese-Americans wanted only peace  
But did we give it?  
No, we did not.

**Fury of America**  
by Summer

Tic, tic, tic, the bombs go,  
Bombs made for a special place.  
Tic, tic, the bombs go off,  
Setting ablaze Pearl Harbor.

Maybe we took that too far,  
To put citizens in prison –like camps.  
Tic, tic tic, the bombs went off,  
In our heads, on the ground.

Windstorms, no heat,  
The pitter-patter of feet.  
Running for cover,  
In their stalls for a home.

War is ablaze, the fiery eyes of hatred,  
When it ended,  
Tic tic, the bombs no more,  
To let out and be free.

No jobs, no money,  
For anew chance of happiness,  
We've lost the madness.  
For now they are released.