

25 Words or Less

Before you go: 25 Words or Less is another activity that helps students to capture the main ideas of a text – any type of text.

Materials:

- pen/pencil
- paper/word processor



On the ride:

1. Read the poem, “I Lost My Talk,” by Rita Joe:
<https://www.poetryinvoice.com/poems/i-lost-my-talk>
or choose something else to read – a newspaper or Newsela article, short story, novel chapter, or song lyrics.
2. **In 25 Words or Less**, write a summary of the poem and what the main message (theme) is.



Reflecting on the trip:

1. Did the 25-word-limit hinder or help you? Explain your process.
2. Is there a homework task you are working one where this task of “25 Words or Less” might help you to focus in on the big ideas?