NYTimes' Found Poetry Contest Rules:

• Your poem must be 14 or fewer lines.

• You may give the poem your own original title if you like. The title does not count as one of the lines.

• The only source material must be from articles from The New York Times. You can use up to two articles, mixing and matching words however you'd like. (Note: The website will allow you to view only 10 articles before requiring a paid subscription. Search wisely.)

• The poem can include no more than two of your own words. The rest of the words and phrases can be mixed up any way you like, but should all come from The Times. (You may repeat words from the articles as many times as you like.)

• You might choose to write in a traditional poetic form, or not.

• You must post your poem as a comment on the Times' Learning Network blog Found Poetry post by 7 a.m. (EST) on May 3.

• At the bottom of your post in the blog's comments section, provide the URL(s) of the article(s) you used.

• Though The Learning Network often publishes excerpts from literary and historical works on their blog via our Text to Text and Poetry Pairing features, those are off limits for this contest. The Times articles they are paired with are, of course, fair game.

• The blog commenting system doesn't recognize fancy spacing, so using words to create interesting shapes is, unfortunately, not an option.

• Now, go get your poetry on!