

## Kevin's Manual Script

For this weekly task, I completed one of the two options given and went with the potato printing. While Kevin focused on the manual script activity, he went above and beyond by also incorporating some potato printing to serve as a decorative element to his written piece. I really did like Kevin's poem that he created, but he explained his process in such rich detail that I became much more invested on how he made the piece than in the piece itself.

When I was carving out my potato letters to make a print, I picked something at random. I went with the first five letter word that came to mind and was really more interested in this assignment because it would be a fun craft. Kevin was very methodical every step of the way in his intention to write about something topical and intensely personal. His poem was about the riots we are seeing in the US as well as around the globe in response to police brutality and the general mistreatment of Black people. Even his potato print that he added in the corners of his poem carried personal meaning for him. He chose to carve out a character from his Philippine writing system where he lives. His entire process was explained to the reader in a detailed way that was quite vulnerable. This was in stark contrast to my quick process completed without much thought.

Kevin is in the minority of our class in terms of his blog platform. He is one of a handful of students that did not use Wordpress. On Kevin's home page, he explains that his choice to use Notion for his blog stems from wanting to truly test out what his students have to use to submit their portfolio. I appreciate him wanting to see how the platform performs long-term over the course of the semester and not giving it a quick, cursory glance before asking students

to use it. I liked that Notion gave Kevin the ability to assign a small icon for each of the tasks he completed and posted about. This small detail gave the reader another visual hint as to what they were about to read and gave an additional layer of iconography to Kevin's work. One could not rely solely on those icons for an accurate description of the task, but it was a nice touch that is absent from Wordpress.