

All Our Broken Pieces

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### Art exercise: All Our Broken Pieces and Trauma

Trauma is a prominent theme in All Our Broken Pieces as seen in both the main characters, Lennon and Kyler.

Lennon experiences trauma with the sudden death of her mother. Her obsessive compulsive disorder rituals increase with the sudden death and with the subsequent changes to her life.

Kyler experiences trauma at a young age when he witnesses his father's infidelity. When his father scolds him, his message to Kyler confuses him and when he ends up in a dangerous situation he stays in it out of fear. He becomes both physically and mentally scarred by the situation.

Trauma unites Kyler and Lennon. Their connection and attraction are magnetic and their ability to understand each other creates a unique and special bond.

Create an artistic expression of this common theme as seen throughout the novel. You can choose to draw, create a poem or a book cover, or a collage or something of your choice illustrating trauma and what that means to you in respect to the novel.

