

A Poetic Map

A Prompt by Poet Douglas Kearney



Robert Irwin
American, 1997
Central Garden
Mixed media (construction and plant
materials), 134,000 sq. ft.
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Robert Irwin's *Central Garden* is a landscape, but it's also art. If grass, flowers, and water can be art, maybe they can be poetry too. In fact, poetry and art can work together on the page, such as in calligrams (poems that look like pictures). Walk through the garden. As you move, describe your surroundings and what they make you think about. Use as many of your senses as you can. Make your own calligram by arranging your descriptions on the page to look like the part of the garden you're describing.