Handout 4

Examples for Created Mental Image

Creating Mental Images Title: “The Lesson of the Moth”

CPQ: What images or ideas do the literary & sound devices in the poems emphasize?



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| P# | Text Clues | Created Mental Image |
| 618  Lines 1-5 | “I was talking to a moth  the other evening  he was trying to break into  an electric light bulb  and fry himself on the wires” | Imagine the moths around the lights on the porch or patio of your house. They bang into the light fixture as if they are trying to get in no matter how hot the bulb is. |
| 618 & 620  Lines 18-21 | “we get bored with the routine  and crave beauty  and excitement  fire is beautiful”  **Think Turn Talk Question**: Identify the literary or sound device in this quote. | Imagine the beauty of fire as the flames dance around on the logs at a bonfire. It is mesmerizing.  **Think Turn Talk Answer**: alliteration – bored, beauty, beautiful |
| 620  Lines 27, 34, 37 | “…and be burned up with beauty”  “…it is better to be a part of beauty”  “…and never be a part of beauty”  **Think Turn Talk Question**: Identify the literary or sound device in this quote. | Think about how sometimes you get burned by the fire on a candle or a match because you forget that fire is hot because the flame is so pretty.  **Think Turn Talk Answer**: repetition – the word beauty is repeated throughout the poem |
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