

Poems Can Tell about Places

CCSSR1 and CCSSW2. Interpret and write place poems.

This is a poem about ocean fish. A poet has an idea when he writes a poem. That idea is a vision. It is what the poet wants people to think about when they read the poem. When you read a poem you should think about the idea. You should try to see the idea by thinking what the poem would look like if it were a picture.

Directions: Read the poem. Then draw a picture that shows what the poet wanted people to understand.

Poem	Picture
<p>Fishes' Evening Song, by Dahlov Ipcar</p> <p>Flip flap, Slip slap, Lip lap, Water sounds, Soothing sounds. We fan our fins As we lie Resting here Eye to eye. Water falls Drop by drop, Plip plop, Drip drop. Plink plunk, Splash splish Fish fins fan, Fish tails swish, Swish, swash, swish. This we wish... Water cold, Water clear, Water smooth, Just to sooth Sleeping fish.</p>	

Think More

Write your own poem about a place.

How do you feel about the place?

How do you want people to feel about it when they read your poem?

What is the theme or main idea?

List words you will use.

Include words that tell about the sounds you would hear there and what you would see.

Then give your poem to someone and ask them to draw what your poem tells.