

**Curriculum Unit
Title**

Ekphrasis: From Photographs to Poems

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KEY LEARNING, ENDURING UNDERSTANDING, ETC.

Students will develop poetry writing skills as they acquire and build vocabulary. Ekphrasis is poetry about any art form created to evoke a sensory response.

ESSENTIAL QUESTION(S) for the UNIT

How can building vocabulary teach poetry writing?

CONCEPT A

Building Vocabulary

CONCEPT B

Writing Poetry

CONCEPT C

Mosaics and Poems

ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS A

How can I learn new words?

ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS B

Poetry is an art form consisting of figurative language intentionally structured by lines. What is figurative language?

ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS C

Mosaics are pieces of art where an image is made from assembling small pieces of glass, stone, tiles, etc. How can you create a mosaic using words from your poem?

VOCABULARY A

friendly definition, synonyms, connections, photograph

VOCABULARY A

simile, metaphor, personification, onomatopoeia, alliteration

VOCABULARY A

mosaics, patterns, tessellation, tiles, arrangement

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION/MATERIAL/TEXT/FILM/RESOURCES

Poetry Foundation: a website that allows exploration of poems, poets, topics, forms, and school/period of poems.

Routman, Regie: Kids' Poems Teaching Second Graders to Love Writing Poetry. New York, NY: Scholastic, 2000.