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Unit/Lesson : _____

ELEMENTS OF POETRY *and Imagery*

There are five senses that we want to describe.

Your task is to describe, in vivid sensory language, the objects chosen.

SENSE	OBJECT	DESCRIPTION
 SIGHT		
 SOUND		
 TOUCH		
 SMELL		
 TASTE		

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Poetic Devices and Imagery

Poets often use imagery to create a strong mental image for the readers that engage their five senses. Read the poem "Summer" by Walter Dean Myers, then answer the following questions about imagery.

SUMMER by WALTER DEAN MYERS

I like hot days, hot days
Sweat is what you got days
Bugs buzzin from cousin to cousin
Juices dripping
Running and ripping
Catch the one you love days

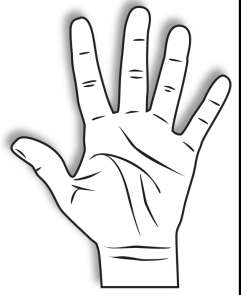
Birds peeping
Old men sleeping
Lazy days, daisies lay
Beaming and dreaming
Of hot days, hot days,
Sweat is what you got days.

1. Give two examples of imagery in the poem and identify the senses they call upon.

2. What do the poem's images suggest about the speaker's attitude toward summer?

3. Write about something that makes you happy using strong imagery that invokes the five senses.

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THE EAGLE by LORD TENNYSON

He clasps the crag with crooked hands;
Close to the sun in lonely lands,
Ring'd with the azure world, he stands.

The wrinkled sea beneath him crawls;
He watches from his mountain walls,
And like a thunderbolt he falls.

1. Give two examples of imagery in the poem and identify the senses they call upon.

2. In "The Eagle," how does the imagery create a feeling of freedom or weightlessness?

3. Draw a quick sketch of an image like the one described in the poem.

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**THIS IS JUST TO SAY by
WILLIAM CARLOS WILLIAMS**

I have eaten
the plums
that were in
the icebox

and which
you were probably
saving
for breakfast

Forgive me
they were delicious
so sweet
and so cold

1. Give two examples of imagery in the poem and identify the senses they call upon.

2. In "This Is Just To Say," how does the speaker create an image of human weakness?

3. Write an apology, sincere or not, in which you use imagery to illustrate your weakness.
