

Unit 4

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Visualizing Technique

- Good readers create pictures in their mind when they read.
- When we visualize, we connect our own personal background knowledge with clues provided by the author.
- It is like having a movie playing in our mind.
- When we visualize, we are inferring what the author wants us to know and understand.
- Visualizing occurs before we read, while we read, and after we read and enhances our understanding.

Practice

Poem by ~Alice Schertle~

**Last night, alone, he saw the rising moon set
silver fires among his stalks of corn and
watched the tassels burn like candlewicks.**

**At dawn he saw the noisy crows return. They
know him for a friend, this man of sticks in
boots that dangle just above the dirt, the
handle of a rake shoved through his shirt.**

**On summer days when grass around him
sways like wave that fat follows wave upon
the ocean. I've seen him shake, a dancer on a
stake, or if he feels a music in the motion.**

**And once I saw his round astonished eyes
observe with more than painted-on surprise a
black snake flow like water down a hole, and
heard him sigh upon his wooden pole.**