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Read and Reflect activity for Formative Assessment

MODEL REVIEW OF A POEM

Name of the poetry: The Swing

Name of the author: Robert Louis Stevenson

Genre of the piece of writing: Poetry

Summary of the Poetry:

Robert Louis Stevenson is a great poet this world ever has. He wrote on several topics, most of which are imaginative type. "The Swing" is also one of them.

Robert Louis Stevenson is explaining in this poem how childish mind can swing as per its wish. No one can guarantee what this mind will think at any situation. Sometimes it will feel to fly, sometimes it will feel to walk on water and sometimes it will feel to get disappear. This mind is so volatile that it can wish anything at any time. Age doesn't matter in this as mind can run on its wishes without watching clothes, faces and age.

Poet catches this link cleverly and writes his words. He has explained each condition in his mind as it is. This poem turns to be somehow interesting to read again and again.

My Reflections:

What will happen when get a chance to fly? How this world looks from the sky? All these imaginative questions are answered in this poem. Poet has cleverly explained all sceneries in good manner. He has illustrated everything from the Bird's eye view and it appears so real. All descriptions and rhyming words that are incorporated in this poem are beautiful to read.

This poem is encouraging readers. It tells that it is not necessary to have feathers to fly. If your mind wishes to fly then you can fly. What it needs is imagination power. Robert Louis Stevenson designs his own world using his effective words. What this poem gives is the true experience that everybody has done in their past. "The swing" teaches how to decorate imaginative world. It is good to have imagination power as it is important in this busy world. This poem means beautiful journey of an imaginative world.

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Want to read the poem? Here it is!

The Swing

-Robert Louis Stevenson

How do you like to go up in a swing,
Up in the air so blue?
Oh, I do think it the pleasantest thing
Ever a child can do!

Up in the air and over the wall,
Till I can see so wide,
River and trees and cattle and all
Over the countryside—

Till I look down on the garden green,
Down on the roof so brown—
Up in the air I go flying again,
Up in the air and down!

MODEL REVIEW OF A STORY

Name of the story: TREBLE TROUBLE

Name of the author: Anonymous

Genre of the piece of writing: Story

Summary of the story:

The story is that reads how the hero of this story is being punished for his foolish and tomfoolery actions and decisions. He gets an opportunity to choose his punishment among the three choices. But his foolishness makes him to take all the punishments at the end.

Moral: Speaking without thinking can treble your troubles

My Reflections:

This is a hilarious story. One couldn't stop laughing while reading it. The author simply generated the humour with the foolish attitude of the chief character of the story. It is really apt for the foolishness. Do read the story once and make your friends read it.

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Want to read the story? Here it is!

Treble Trouble

Speaking without thinking can treble your troubles as this ancient story demonstrates. A man was caught stealing a bag of onions and taken before a judge. The judge gave him a choice of three punishments: eat the onions he had stolen at one sitting; submit to a hundred lashes of the whip or pay a fine.

The man said he would eat the onions. He began confidently enough but after eating a few, his eyes began to burn, his nose started running and his mouth felt as if it were on fire.

'I can't eat the onions,' he said. 'Give me the lashes instead.'

But after he had received a few strokes he began to turn and twist to avoid the whip.

'I can't bear it!' he screamed, finally. 'I'll pay the fine.'

So he paid the fine and was let off, but he became the laughing-stock of the city for having taken three punishments for the same crime.

