

Ekphrastic Poem about Volcanoes

An activity of "An Icy Island Gets Used to Eruptions of Fire".

Read "An icy island gets used to eruptions of fire" (page 9, *What's Up* March 2024).

1a) Take a look at this album:

Stunning Photos of Volcanoes from Around the World

➤ <https://www.nationalgeographic.co.uk/photography/2018/05/stunning-photos-of-volcanoes-from-around-the-world>

National Geographic (2018)

1b) From the photos in the above, choose your favourite photo and describe it here.

Sensory Response	Your Impressions of the Photograph
<u>Visuals</u> Describe what catches your eye. Talk about the colours, forms, the landscape, or any striking features. How does the volcanic activity affect the scene?	
<u>Sounds</u> Imagine the sounds of this scene. Could the volcano be roaring, rumbling, or hissing? Are there any other sounds besides those of the volcano?	
<u>Scents</u> Think about the smells that might fill the air in this setting. What does the air smell like near the lava, ash, or surrounding area?	
<u>Touch</u> If you could reach out and touch elements in the photo, what would they feel like? Describe possible textures of the ground, the air, or the volcanic materials.	
<u>Feelings</u> What emotions stir in you as you look at this photo? Are you terrified, saddened, inspired, etc?	
<u>Stories/ Ideas</u> Does the photograph spark any stories, themes, or ideas in your mind? E.g. the power of nature, destruction or renewal?	

2a) Ekphrastic writing is writing that describes or responds to a work of art. Let's learn how to write an ekphrastic poem in response to the photograph. Watch the following videos:

13 How to write an ekphrasis

➤ <https://youtu.be/5QDcUM-PJAs?si=n2CIAHpWAwBk1qMj>

The Mustard Seed News (13, Sep 13 2021)

Here are a few examples of ekphrastic poetry:

Ekphrastic poem examples

➤ <https://youtu.be/njn8iZuPcBc?si=gJSOefWSf2eItFUe>

Jamie Barker (19 Oct 2015)

2b) Write an ekphrastic poem below. Use your earlier responses to your favourite photo.

(title)

by: _____

2c) Share your poem and the selected photograph with the class, explaining the inspiration behind your poem.