

How does the poet, Pat Mora, use imagery to convey her theme or message?

Same Song

Pat Mora

While my sixteen-year-old son sleeps,
my twelve-year-old daughter
stumbles into the bathroom at six a.m.
plugs in the curling iron
squeezes into faded jeans
curls her hair carefully
strokes Aztec Blue shadow on her eyelids
smooths Frosted Mauve blusher on her cheeks
outlines her mouth in Neon Pink
peers into the mirror, mirror on the wall
frowns at her face, her eyes, her skin,
not fair.

At night this daughter
stumbles off to bed at nine
eyes half-shut while my son
jogs a mile in the cold dark
then lifts weights in the garage
curls and bench presses
expanding biceps, triceps, pectorals,
one handed push-ups, one hundred sit ups
peers into that mirror, mirror, and frowns too.

Analysis: Use the five reading skills to explicate the poem.

Predict: Look at the title and predict what you think this poem is about.

Question: Read the poem and write three questions to help you understand what you are reading.

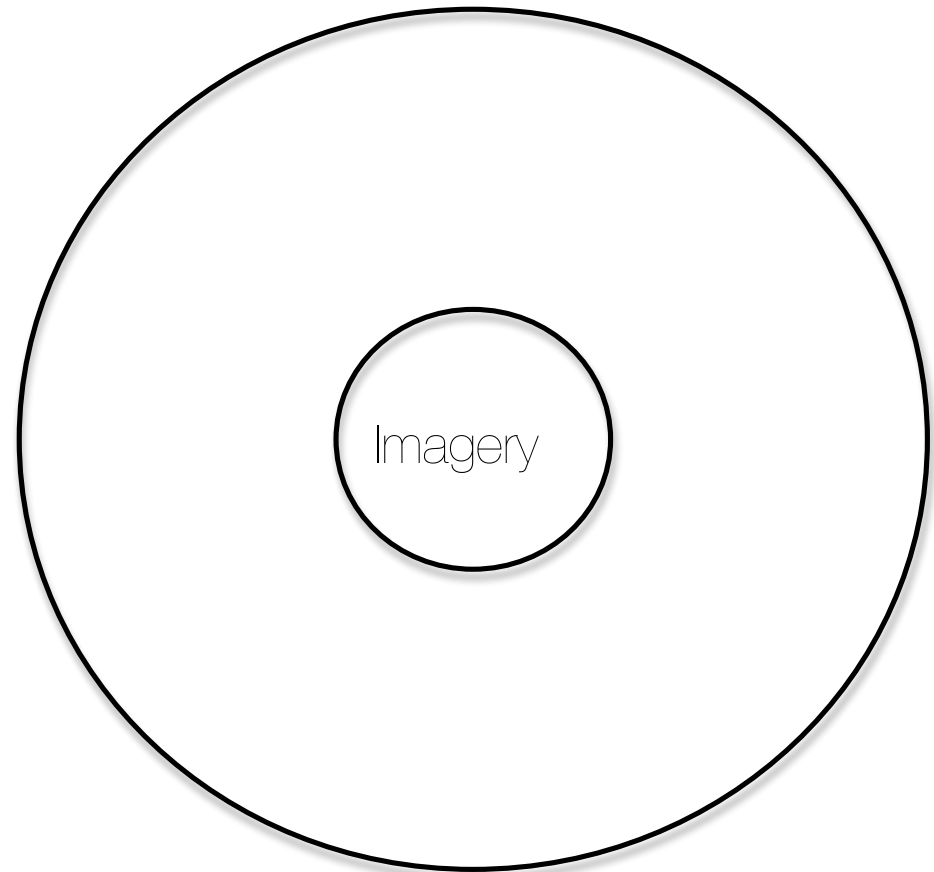
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Monitor: As you read, underline phrases that provide **imagery** that help you imagine what the poet is trying to describe.

Summarize: After you read, retell what you just read by using your own words.

Evaluate: What theme, or message do you think the poem conveys?

What is **imagery**? How does it help convey an author's message or theme?



Imagery is _____.

Its purpose is to _____.

In the **poem** titled " _____,"
the poet, _____ uses imagery to
convey/communicate/describe _____

It helps the reader understand/experience/ learn _____