

PV Log: (circle one) Poem / Movie / **Picture** / LyricDate 3/2/14Title Matthew On a CliffAuthor / Director / Ethan Tse

Context (Where Found / Viewed / Read?)

Matthew McLaughlin sent this to me when I asked him if he had any poetic pictures for me to use

Content / CD / Summary / Precis (Say? "Plot? Setting/Situation? Key lines/phrases scenes, etc?)

This picture depicts a young man standing on a ledge. He is standing on a rock reaching out over a cliff. He doesn't know what lies below, and all he can see is the beautiful landscape out ahead of him covered in green trees and blue sky. He sees a bright blue flowing river down below, but what lies directly below him is a mystery.



Content / CM / Meaning? / Theme(s)?

The theme of this picture is going out into the unknown and exploring the beauty of nature. Although the boy does not know what is below, he hikes on, hoping to find beauty in the natural world around him that is often forgotten this day in age. The trees, shrubs, rivers, mountains, and cliffs surrounding him show how small he is in the grand scheme of things and helps him realize his place in the world.

Form (Diction? Construction Terms? Symbolism?)

The boy in this picture represents all of us, and the vast landscape surrounding him represents our planet that gobbles us up in terms of size. We are all uncertain of our future, and we try to take peeks by peering over the cliff of comfort. The world around us is large, and we have a long way to go to reach our final destination.

Commentary (What do you want to say? Why like? Questions? Synthesis / Allusions-Connections / Relevance to personal experience, to literature, 20Q's? etc.)? "Poetic" Traits?

I like this photo because just like the Pale Blue Dot photograph, it puts us humans in our place. It makes us take a step back and look at the world around us: a world not revolving around us, or even humans in general, but the sun. Earth is but a pale blue dot, and it is huge in comparison to us, so what does that make us? The boy peering over the ledge represents us peering over the cliff of uncertainty and darkness. We do not know what lies ahead of us day by day, but what we do know is what type of attitude we will meet what lies ahead of us with. If we stay positive, then we will be happy.

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