RAISING ACHIEVEMENT · WORLDS AND LIVES · DRILL 1

The birds around me

Nature and the human world

Today: how Wordsworth uses nature to judge the way people live

28 minutes

Do Now

Know

1. Who wrote ‘Lines Written in Early Spring’, and in which year?
2. In the Worlds and lives question, which poem is printed for you, and how do you use the other one?
3. In ‘With Birds You’re Never Lonely’, what does the speaker switch off in the forest?
4. What do we call it when a poet gives a plant or an animal human feelings?
5. What does AO2 reward?

Do Now: answers

Know

1. Who wrote ‘Lines Written in Early Spring’, and in which year?
   William Wordsworth, in 1798

2. In the Worlds and lives question, which poem is printed for you, and how do you use the other one?
   The poem named in the question is printed. You choose the second poem from the cluster and quote it from memory.

3. In ‘With Birds You’re Never Lonely’, what does the speaker switch off in the forest?
   His hearing aids, because the birds are so loud

4. What do we call it when a poet gives a plant or an animal human feelings?
   Personification

5. What does AO2 reward?
   Analysis of the poet’s methods (language, form and structure) and their effects

Focus reminder

Know

Comparing poems about nature and people

The named poem is printed on the paper. You choose the second poem from the cluster and quote it from memory.

Ask what nature gives each speaker (joy, comfort, company) and what people have done to spoil it.

Compare inside every point with both, similarly, whereas or in contrast.

Today you plan only: a thesis and three points, each with a quotation from both poems and a comparative link.

Lines Written in Early Spring (1 of 3)

Read

William Wordsworth · 1798 · The whole poem (six quatrains)

I heard a thousand blended notes,
While in a grove I sate reclined,
In that sweet mood when pleasant thoughts
Bring sad thoughts to the mind.

To her fair works did Nature link
The human soul that through me ran;
And much it grieved my heart to think
What man has made of man.