Poetry About Water in Our World

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TAKE 5!

1. Bring a glass or bottle of water as a prop to set the stage and then read this poem aloud slowly. Consider taking a sip of water after you read the next-to-last line.

2. Now use that glass or bottle to cue students to chime in on the word water as you read the poem aloud again.

3. Use the poem to talk about the different ways that water appears in the world (river, ice, ocean waves, waterfalls, mist, beverage, and sustenance for plants, animals, and humans).

4. Pair this poem with the picture book All the Water in the World by George Ella Lyon (see Resources) and consider the additional forms of water presented as you celebrate World Water Day on March 22.

5. Link with another poem that features water entitled simply “Water” by Kate Coombs (see Online Resources), and with the picture books Water Rolls, Water Rises / El agua rueda, el agua sube by Pat Mora (Resources) or Water Can Be… by Laura Purdie Salas (Resources).

REFERENCE


RESOURCES


Salas, L.P. 2014. Water can be… Brookfield, CT: Millbrook.

ONLINE RESOURCES

George Ella Lyon website http://www.georgeellalyon.com

“Water” by Kate Coombs https://www.pinterest.com/pin/361625045064359210/