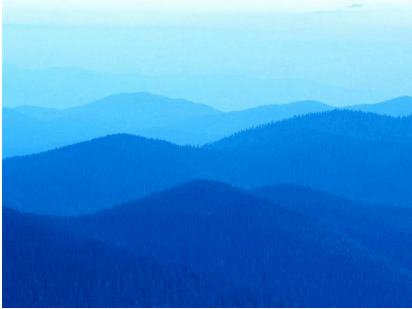


A Picture Tells a Thousand Words

A View from the Misty Blue-Norman Rosing



Pictures that are intriguing always provide and motivates to talk or write about them. The project is utilizing the power of images to engage students in developing their writing skills. The project will provide stimulating topics to students that motivates them to think and write. Participants and project facilitators will post unique, interesting and thought provoking pictures, drawing, digital images of objects, places, social scenes.

Participating students will then write expository essays, poems, stories, narrative and perceptions based on the picture.

Possible project/classroom activities: Creative writing based on any pictures, drawing, painting, digital photography. Debates on a picture depicting an interesting, amazing or disturbing social or political issue from around the world.

“I think that pictures can be used to show a flow of history. We put up a time line of the Civil Rights movement and our students wrote about what they thought had taken place during this time period...”

It made this lesson in history very vivid for them.

We also used images of men and women together, of families, of children, of unrest and generated great short poems.

I must say it can be quite an emotional experience. Pictures can evoke great emotions that can spill into words.”

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Ages: 5-19

Project languages: All

Curriculum area: the Arts, Language Arts