

ANALYSING INSTAPOEMS BY RUPI KAUR: UNDERSTANDING THE ARTWORK

– modelling and deconstructing the text –

1. Look at the illustration which is part of the poem.
 - a. Describe it to your partner. You may use the *language support sheet* as a guideline.
 - b. Deduce from the visual what the content of the poem might be?

My idea: _____



Source: Kaur, R. [@rupikaur]. (2022, March 2). 🌄❤️ [Instapoem]. Instagram. Retrieved November 11, 2022, from <<https://www.instagram.com/p/CalYwcqgulo/>> (All rights reserved).

2. Read the caption which is part of the poem.
 - a. Delineate how it can be related to the illustration.
 - b. Deduce from the visual and the caption what the content of the poem might be?

My idea: _____

scan for caption

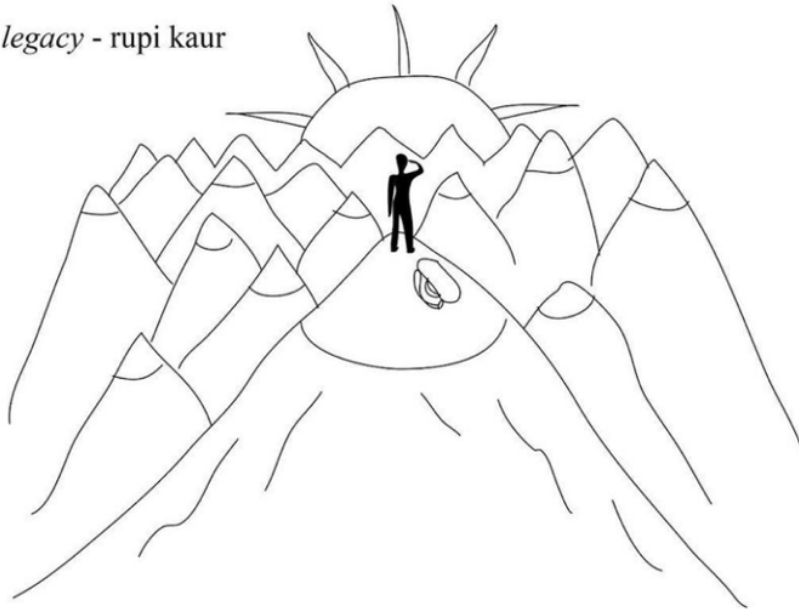


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3. Read the poem “*legacy*” by Instapoet Rupi Kaur. Make sure you understand the literal meaning of the text. You may use your (electronic) dictionary.
- What is the central theme of the poem? Exchange with your partner.
 - The illustration and the caption are a part of the poem and all together they make up the complete artwork. Explain their function and how they interrelate with the text.

i stand
on the sacrifices
of a million women before me
thinking
what can i do
to make this mountain taller
so the women after me
*can see farther*¹

legacy - rupi kaur



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4. For fast finishers: based on your ideas from tasks 1 and 2 come up with your own interpretation of *legacy*. Either write one stanza that could accompany with the illustration or create a new illustration that would fit the poem.

Homework:

Take notes: What would change if the word *women* in the poem were replaced by *men*?

Research the background of the author online and speculate on reasons why the author chose to address women directly.

¹**farther** – comparative of far: to a greater distance (adverb)

