

Day #19, Activity #19

Rainy Day Writing:

April Rain Song

By Langston Hughes

Let the rain kiss you.
Let the rain beat upon your head with silver liquid drops.
Let the rain sing you a lullaby.

The rain makes still pools on the sidewalk.
The rain makes running pools in the gutter.
The rain plays a little sleep-song on our roof at night—

And I love the rain.

Writing Activities:

The Langston Hughes poem above reminds us about the power of images to create feeling in a poem. Not to mention how patterns and variations can effect the movement and emotional tug within a poem.

So, how do you like your rain? Over-easy in a misty drizzle or sunny-side up in a sudden summer shower? Today we will write about the rain, and there are so many types to describe. What types of rain do you like or not? What memories does rain evoke for you? What feeling do you get from the rain?

Write a poem using a pattern like Hughes does in the poem above and then change the pattern.

Or

What is your favorite type of rain? Go into detail and write a paragraph about it. You might mention the landscape around it as well.

Or

If you were outside in the rain, what activity would you like to be doing? Write about the activity and rain at the same time.

Or

Write about the rain in a way that makes it seem sad or angry.

Or

Write about the rain in a way that makes it seem happy or excited.

Or

Write about your favorite memory of a rainy day in your life?

Or

Write a story with rain as the MAIN CHARACTER OF THE STORY.

Or

Make a list of 25 things you could do on a rainy day.