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Context (Where Found / Viewed / Read?)

I found this picture after looking up on Google Images the "blood moon" because I had heard about it from my sister. I had never heard of the term "blood moon" but I knew what a solar eclipse was, so I thought that I'd use this particular eclipse for a photo log.

Content / CD / Summary / Precis (Say? "Plot? Setting/Situation? Key lines/phrases scenes, etc?)

This picture simply depicts the Moon, full and round, but a vibrantly and richly colored red rather than the standard white or gray color that comes from the silicon, magnesium, iron, calcium, and aluminum on the surface of the Moon. Various craters on the moon are also visible, and they appear to be a much darker colored red, almost a maroon, than the rest of the natural satellite. The reason this full moon completely transformed from its usual silvery white brilliance to an ominous, coppery red, is because of a lunar eclipse, or a scientific phenomenon in which the moon passes directly through the Earth's shadow. The satellite doesn't go entirely dark, however, because, as light passes through the Earth's atmosphere, it is scattered, causing some rays of light, particularly red, to be reflected at such an angle that they land on the moon.

Content / CM / Meaning? / Theme(s)?

This picture of the "blood moon" represents the mystical, stupefying, and grandiose nature of science and amazing things that occur in this universe because of scientific laws and principles. Unfortunately, many people will grow up to be ignorant of the vastness of scientific knowledge that exists in the scientific community today because they will choose other career paths and occupations; nevertheless, this picture shows the actual beauty that can arise from the laws and inner workings of nature, and it represents a community recognition of the complexity of the principles that govern the very existence of humans and the life around them. This natural phenomenon draws people out of their homes, forcing them to leave behind their electronics and artificial entertainment devices, and to see a whole different world.

Form (Diction? Construction Terms? Symbolism?)

This picture of a rare and occasional lunar eclipse was most likely taken by some sort of satellite in outer space, or it may even be simply a computer representation of how the blood moon is supposed to appear. Whatever the case, the picture has significant symbolic meaning. Now in the modern age, people are constantly and always looking down at their phones, iPads, computers, etc, but this picture gets people to look up and to see the world in a whole new way. It forces people to get away from cities and the stresses of everyday life and to enjoy the beauty of the sky.

Commentary (What do you want to say? Why like? Questions? Synthesis / Allusions-Connections / Relevance to personal experience, to literature, 20Q's? etc.)? "Poetic" Traits?

This picture is obviously simple and straightforward, but it is to the point in its meaning and the impact it should have on the viewer. Divergence from the everyday norm catches people's attention, and this lunar eclipse is one of those standout, rare experiences that causes people to stop and to take a step back from their everyday routines. Although I fell asleep before the eclipse itself actually occurred, I know that many people flocked outside to catch a glimpse of the astonishing spectacle and wonder. Rather than continuing on with their lives of unawareness and obliviousness to the complexity of the world around them, people stopped to see and observe nature in its prime representation of the extraordinary processes that govern the universe. Personally, I enjoy the picture because of its simplicity and the metaphorical significance it has on people of the modern age. This picture gets people to look up not down, to see the world in a way they rarely have seen or experienced it before, and that is what makes it so poetic. The picture directly causes people to better appreciate the complexity of life and the intricacy and beauty of the way the world was created.

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