

PV Log: (circle one) Poem / Movie / Picture / LyricDate 10 / 6Title Boys "Flying" on SkateboardsAuthor / Director / Source: Sources of Insight

Context (Where Found / Viewed / Read?)

I found this photo via Google Images when I searched for "imaginative photos."

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

The photo depicts two boys who are dressed in full on old fashioned aviator outfits. One is upfront and clear in the picture while the other is in the background; nevertheless, they appear to look quite similar. Both boys are lying down with their stomachs on skateboards and their arms stretched out as if they were flying. There are plants and shrubs in the background as well as a tower or bridge-like structure.

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

The picture shows the importance of beauty and imagination. The boys in the picture do not need to be satisfied with real life planes and the actual experience of zipping through the air at high speeds; rather, they entertain themselves with their own creativity and inventiveness. They make use of what they can in order to have a good time, and they create the best out of the situation at hand. This is ultimately what life is about, always seeking for ways to improve and make things better than they currently are. Unfortunately, life is full of dull and dreary skeptics who approach everyday with a lack of creativity and imagination, believing that nothing good at all can ever arise. It takes the creative believers and imaginers to make life enjoyable and to spur on human progression.

Form (Diction? Construction Terms? Symbolism?)

The boys who are "flying" in the photo symbolize the youthful and playful imagination present in children that is strongly needed in the lives of adults. The focus of the picture is obviously the boy in front, as everything else is blurred behind him, and the picture is taken in a subtle sepia filter. Perhaps the contrast between the dull colors of the photo and the explosive imagination of the boy is trying to send a message to humanity.

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

The interpretation of the photo, though seemingly simple and apparent, is actually quite difficult to deduce. In fact, a more profound understanding of this photo gives rise to a melancholy portrayal of humanity. Although not necessarily portrayed, the dull colors of the photo and the fact that there are only children not only suggest a lack of an inquisitive and imaginative attitude in society but also that that lack is particularly prominent in older people. Due to growth, development, and an increasing awareness of the world, people lose their innocence and thus their faith and creativity. People no longer believe in the good, and they lose their childish sense of imagination. Fortunately, however, few believers and optimists do remain past childhood, and it is their innovation that upholds the survival and stability of humanity. Arthur from T.H. White's *The Once and Future King* is a perfect example of one of those innovators. Arthur grew up in a seemingly perfect environment, unexposed to the evil realities of the world, and thus his ability to make the best out of all situations remained with him when he took the throne. He is the one who restored the kingdom to a state of peace and prosperity but only for a limited time. Overall, this photo, though suggestive of depressing realities, is poetic because it encourages people to return to their pristine childlike imaginations. Although this may not be entirely feasible, it is at least an attempt to get humans on the right path.

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