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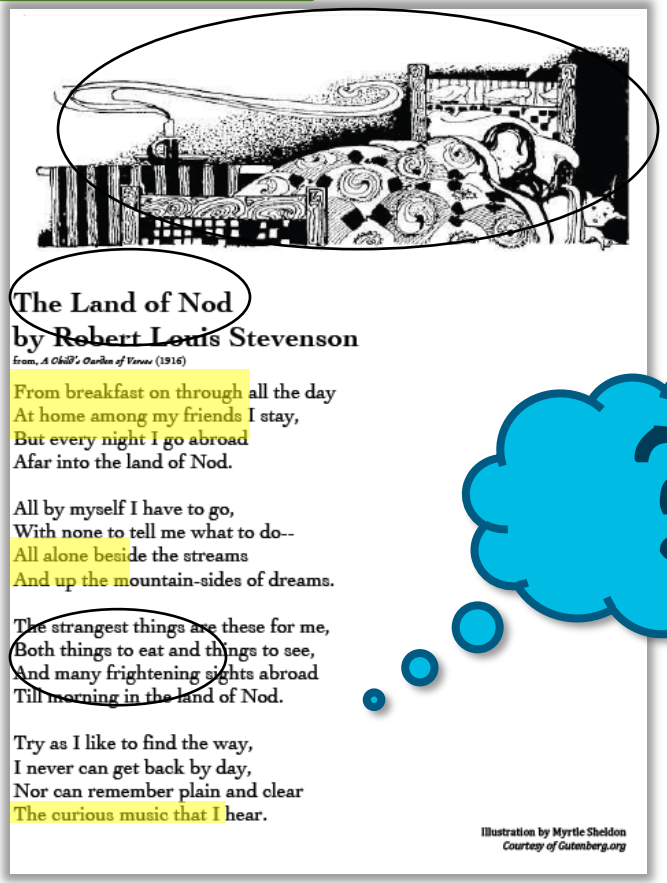

The Land of Nod
by ~~Robert Louis~~ Stevenson
from, A Child's Garden of Verses (1916)

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- Writers choose words carefully to show meaning.
- Inference
- Mental Picture
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- Rhythm
- Rhyme

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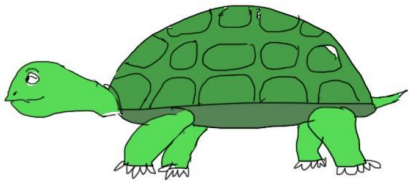

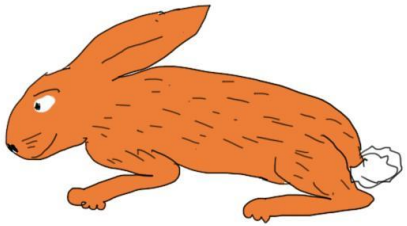

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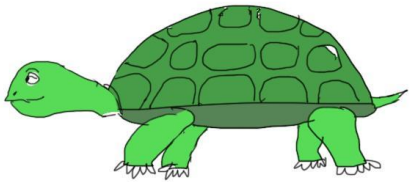

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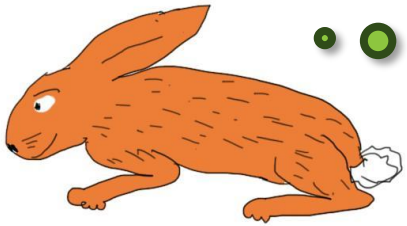

What does it mean to me?

The hare is faster

Slow and steady wins the race.

always win a race.

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Core Lesson

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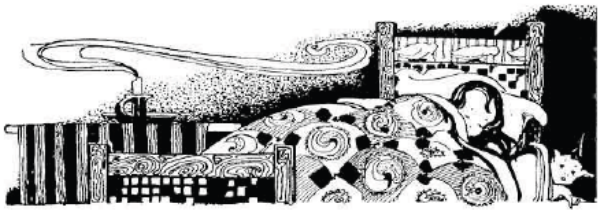

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"What is the author telling me about where the text takes place and what that place is like?"

- Part of this poem is set in the real world.
- It's a boring, ordinary place.
- Nothing exciting here by day...is there someplace better?

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- Land of Nod is a strange, scary place.
- Things in Nod are not like in the real world.
- It's a place you go to by yourself.

Envisioning

Core Lesson

Using details from "The Land of Nod", how does Robert Louis Stevenson contrast the real world and the land of Nod?

- He uses few words that are boring and ordinary to describe the real world.
- He then uses lots of words that are exciting and scary to describe the Land of Nod.
- His word choices show the real world as boring and ordinary, and the Land of Nod as exciting and scary.

Contrast

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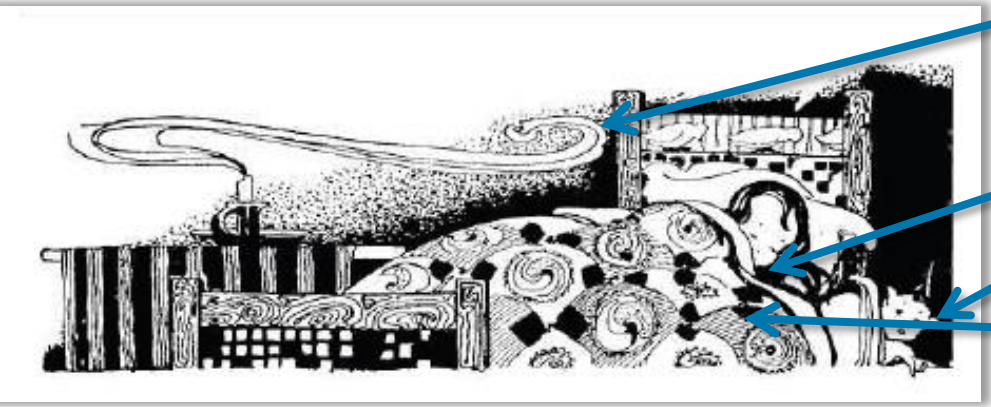
Illustration



- To show that Nod is a land of dreams.
- To show that you can't go to Nod if you're not asleep.
- The Real World appears when you wake up.

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Core Lesson

What is the author trying to tell me using this pattern?

The strangest things are these for me, 8
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And many frightening sights abroad 8
Till morning in the land of Nod. 8

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- 4 beats per line.
- 8 syllables per line.
- Line 7 – 7 syllables. ?

- Land of Nod – Dreams
- Steady rhythm – going to sleep.

Rhythm, or Meter

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What is the author trying to tell me using this break in the pattern?

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All alone beside the streams	7
And up the mountain-sides of dreams.	8

- Break – marker
- The real world ends – the Land of Nod begins.

← Starts describing Land of Nod.

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- AABB Rhyme scheme.
- 2nd Stanza – ABCC, a break in the pattern.

?

- Land of Nod – Dreams
- Even rhyme scheme – going to sleep.

Rhyme scheme

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- Inference – real world.
- Envisioning – Nod.
- Contrast between Nod and real world
- Illustration
- Rhythm
- Rhyme

What is happening in the text?

- A boy lives a pretty ordinary life.
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- Nod is a strange, exciting place, and he can only get there by dreaming.
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"What is the author's big idea about life or the world?"

What does it mean to me?

Dreams are an important part of our lives.

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Based on "The Land of Nod", what does Robert Louis Stevenson believe about dreams?

- Robert Louis Stevenson believes that dreams are important to our lives.
- They help us escape from our own everyday lives into something amazing.
- If life is getting boring, just fall asleep and find something exciting.
- If a dream is too scary, we can always wake up.

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