

Learning objective: Explore the poem by Robert Frost that appears in the novel. Discuss the use of language, the message the poet conveys and how it is achieved.

Starter:

Do the quick quiz on chapters 4 and 5 (attached).

Introduction:

Put up the pictures of sun rises on IWB (easy to find some on the internet). Think of the words we could use to describe the sunrise. Make a list on the board.

Development:

Look at the Robert Frost poem from *The Outsiders* (attached). Discuss what Robert Frost might have meant in the poem. Why does S E Hilton include it in her novel? Discuss as a class making notes on the board.

Plenary:

Students write two paragraphs about the poem and the reason for its appearance in the novel.

Quiz on chapters 4 and 5

1. Which mountain does Ponyboy have to ask directions for?
2. Who does Johnny say Ponyboy looks like?
3. Ponyboy explains that he used to go to church. Why did he stop going?
4. Which book does Johnny buy?
5. What does Johnny make Ponyboy do to his hair?
6. Who comes to visit the two boys?
7. What does the visitor bring with him?
8. The socs and greasers are planning a big fight. Who is acting as a spy for the greasers?

Robert Frost's poem

Nature's first green is gold,
Her hardest hue to hold.
Her early leaf's a flower;
But only so an hour.
Then leaf subsides to leaf.
So Eden sank to grief,
So dawn goes down to day.
Nothing gold can stay.

1. What is Robert Frost referring to when he writes about 'Nature's first green is gold'?
2. Why is it like this 'but only so an hour'?
3. Why does Frost use the words 'go down' in the line 'When dawn goes down to day'?