Unseen Poetry (comparison)– Exemplars

GRADE 5

Nichols' speaker presents the mother as "water". Water is a necessary thing to live, we need water and this expresses the importance the mother has to the speaker. In Feinstein's poem, the speaker states, "Every day I grieve." The verb "grieve" portrays loss. It's upsetting to the reader and the child misses the father a lot. They both have a huge need for their parents.

GRADE 8

Unlike in 'Dad', Nichols uses nature references frequently in 'Praise Song' to represent for the reader, how much the child relies on a parent like nature relies on "sun" and "water". On the other hand, in 'Dad', Feinstein suggest the farmer's death has created a loss in familiarity for the child, which is portrayed by the finality of the metaphor, "my childhood buried there": the father is a symbol of childhood memories for the child and the reader grieves.

Inference

Writer

Reader/Audience

Language techniques

Awareness of question

Comparison