
NOPE.
NO WAY.
NUH UH.
I AM NOT GOING BACK THAT WAY.
AIN’T NOBODY FOR ME BACK THERE.
IT’S TOO DANGEROUS AND DEATHLY.
NOBODY ELSE LIKES IT HERE.
LOOKS LIKE THE DARKNESS WANTS TO SWALLOW ME UP.
I Gotta keep moving.
Surely I’ll find some of that good, rich earth again.

But where?
I been walkin’ and walkin’ and all,
I seen is this dusty mess.
Lemme just find something, anything
growing green.
Or I’ll find it.
I gotta travel.
What’s gonna happen ’f I don’t...?
This activity can be modified for all ages.

This project is inspired by ekphrastic poetry.

Ekphrasis comes from the Greek word for description and is often used to talk about a work of art in vivid detail.

Consider elements of visual + verbal, such as:

- Pattern
- Texture
- Contrast
- Composition
- Perspective

Benny Andrews (American, 1930-2006) Mississippi River Bank (Trail of Tears Series), 2005 oil on canvas with painted fabric collage 70" x 50 1/2" x 3/4"
Take a moment to find an object (art or household item).


I chose this one!

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SETTING:
An environment in which an event or story takes place. Setting could be simply descriptive, like a lonely cottage on a hill. Social conditions, time, location, weather, and surroundings are all different aspects of setting.

I imagine Possum Family is living outside on a sunny day!
A character is a person, animal, being, creature, or thing in a story. Writers use characters to perform the actions and speak dialogue, moving the story along a plot line.

Who are the characters?

There's a parent possum & possum babies.

What's a possum baby called?!!

Research time!
Possum (or opossum) males are called "JACK"

Possum females are called "JILL"

Possum babies are called "JOEYS"

Source: www.livescience.com
Is there a **PLOT**?

**PLOT**: The main idea or events of a play, novel, movie, or similar work. Plot is a literary term used to describe the events that make up a story, or the main part of a story.

Next, choose a **NARRATOR**:

**NARRATOR**: The person from whose perspective a story is told. A narrator may be a character in the text or an outside voice.

A joey can narrate!
Start writing! Begin by getting all your thoughts in writing. You can edit after!

POSSUM FAMILY

I don't know, what's that? I'm just a joey on mom's back. We walk through the woods, to find the best marsupial foods. We're family-stacked!

I want to touch the ground! But there's an awful sound. We turn to face the sun And quickly we're left to run. We're safe, no one is around.

Some are scared of us, But we don't fuss. My nose is long, I sing a silly song, Go as we must.

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