

Cloud Gazing

Literacy - All ages

Resources: Access to an open space or window, a blue sky with clouds, a blanket or mat if the ground is damp. White board or clip board and paper (optional).

RELAX, LOOK AND IMAGINE

Keeping a safe distance from others, lay down on your back in and look up at the sky (if the ground is damp or cold you can use a mat or blanket). Relax, and watch the clouds go by. What can you see? A face? An animal? Or something completely different? Make sure that you do not look at the sun!

Make a note (in your head or on your white board) of what you see, as well as what the clouds make you think about or how they make you feel.

Once you have a few ideas, think about how they might fit into a story. You won't be writing it just yet, so don't worry if nothing stands out right away.

DISCUSS, DRAW AND WRITE

Take it in turns to describe what you can see to the rest of the group. Try not to tell them exactly what it is, but use words to give them an idea of what it is. For example if you saw a pig, you might say you saw a small farm animal that people think is greedy. If you saw a car, you could list the different parts of a car— such as a steering wheel, bonnet, windows etc.

You might like to draw a few pictures of what you saw so that you remember. You can then use these notes and images to write a short story including as many of the different things you saw.

