

Read. Think. Explain.

In trying to understand a poem, it's important to read through it carefully and thoughtfully by focusing on the words the author chose *and* by thinking about what the images in the poem represent. In this activity, you'll answer a series of questions about Karla Kuskin's "To You" in order to grasp the poem's full meaning.

Directions: Answer the questions below, using information and details from the poem to back up your ideas.

1. This poem is written from a first-person point of view. Who do you think is speaking? Who might "I" and "you" be?

2. What can you conclude about how the speaker in the poem feels about the person he or she is addressing?

3. This poem is included in the collection *America at War*, poems selected by Lee Bennett Hopkins. How do you think this poem might relate to war?

4. Look at the illustration accompanying the poem? What do you see in it?
