

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 the poem's big ideas. In this activity, you'll answer a series of questions about Claudia Lewis's "Three Skies" in order to grasp its full meaning.

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

1. What three different colors of sky does the poem describe? What does each one represent?

2. You can figure out that the narrator of the poem is imagining moving in what direction through the sky?

3. What is the significance of the zipper in the illustration?

4. What does the poem ask in its last line? What are your own ideas for answering this question?
