

Fog

Carl Sandburg



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RECALL:

What is a metaphor?



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Metaphors:

The author is able to show that there is a mystery and unknown about city life by using **fog** and **cats** as a metaphor (because the way they move and behave can be unpredictable, like life in cities).

Harbors are places where there is a lot of change (people and objects coming and going – this is a metaphor for the pace and business of city life.



LO: Generate related vocabulary (ideas) for the poem.

- Some will even use an animal/weather/place that can be used as a metaphor in the poem.
- Some will think of unusual vocabulary to describe the way the animal is sitting/moving.
- Most will think of different places in a city.
- All will think of a new animal and a different type of weather.



1. In the poem Fog, Carl Sandburg uses fog and a cat to create a metaphor: the mystery of a city. Can you think of a different animal and a different type of weather, that you are likely to see in/near a city?

2. In the poem, the cat looks over a harbour and city. Can you think of a different place in a city?

3. In the poem, the cat was on silent haunches. Can you change the way the animal is sitting?

Can you find a different word to "move"? You could use a thesaurus.

4. Can you explain why you chose the animal/weather/place - how can it be used as a metaphor to represent life in cities?

