

Artists



Jeannie Baker: 'Window'

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Jeannie Baker was born in England and now lives in Australia. She is a picture book author and artist, with a special interest in the environment. Her work has won many awards.

Subject: Art & Design 1

Activity Outcome: To respond to a piece of artwork with thoughts, feelings and opinions.

Explain:

'Window' is a book created by Jeannie Baker. It is a collage of what one view looks like out of Sam's bedroom window. Over time (many years) the view from Sam's window changes. Please watch the video of the book on YouTube.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4JLVneJa1Is>

Watch this a few times and feel free to take your time with it, pausing it and looking closely where needed. Really study each and every picture.

Complete the task on page 2.

Subject: Art & Design 2

Activity Outcome: To make a mood board.

Explain:

Jeannie Baker was trying to show us her attitudes and opinions towards the environment in her book, 'Window.' In Art, and sometimes DT, mood boards are used to show what the design of a room or piece of art could be like (see page 3 for examples).

Create a mood board to either:

- Shows how beautiful and wonderful nature can be
- Shows how dangerous, careless and selfish people can be with the environment

Think carefully about what you use; you can just use things around your house. Also think about colours. Colours say certain things about the mood of something. Red is very angry whereas light blue is more calming.

If you want to, have a go at drawing what's outside your window or what you think will be there in many years to go! (See page 5 for a window template).

Subject: Geography 3

Activity Outcome: Explain the impact of humans on the environment.

Explain: Woods, forests, rainforests and rivers are really important and beautiful to look at. However, some people say that human beings are more important. Other people disagree and say nature is more important. Then there are people who can see both sides of the argument.

After completing the table, what do you think about building where nature is?

Use the table on page 4 to think about the positive and negative outcomes of getting rid of some of the natural world and building things there.

Subject: Spanish 4

Activity Outcome: Learn some new Spanish words!

Explain: Below are some Spanish words all to do with nature and the environment. Have a go at practising them out loud. If you struggle with the pronunciation, type them into Google translate.

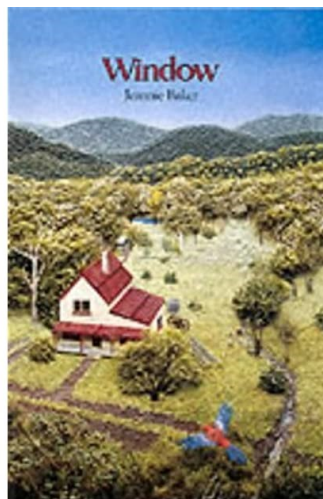
- Nature—Naturaleza
- Natural—Natural
- Tree—Árbol
- River—Río
- Lake—Lago
- Mountain—Montaña
- Forest—Bosque
- House—Casa
- City—Ciudad
- Buildings—Edificios

Art & Design 1

'Window' book

After watching the book on YouTube, answer these questions to show your thoughts, feelings and opinions on the book.

- 1) How would you describe the very first picture? What sounds would you be able to hear? How would being there make you feel?
- 2) Sam is two years old on the second page. What has changed in the second picture? Is this change ok?
- 3) Now look at the third page. Would you like to live here? Why?
- 4) Keep studying the book and look at the page with Sam painting in the garden. Look really closely. What do you think is going to happen next? Was your prediction correct?
- 5) Look out of the window on Sam's 16th birthday. What do you think is going to happen next? Was your prediction correct? Compare this painting to page 1—describe the change that you see. How do you feel?
- 6) Do people care about the town? Why do you say that?
- 7) On the last page, Sam has bought his own house with his own family. Look in the distance! What is there? Now look closer. What is there? What do you think is going to happen next? How do you feel?
- 8) What has 'Window' made you think about? How has 'Window' made you feel?
- 9) Why do you think Jeannie Baker made this book?
- 10) Is there a lesson or moral to the book? Explain.



Art & Design 2

Mood Board Examples



Geography 3

Impact of humans

By the end of the book, the window does not look like this! What are the positive (good) and negative (bad) things that happen when we build on nature.



- **OK** — I have written down six things in the table.
- **Good** — I have written down eight things in the table.
- **Great** — I have written down ten things in the table.
- **Geography Genius** — I have written down twelve things in the

Positive things that could happen if we build where nature is	Negative things that could happen if we build where nature is

