

Modern Haikus for Poetry Detectives

Modern Haikus are about human nature: a feeling or abstract idea.

Poetry detectives, your task is to underline key words (clues) that help you know what the big idea is in each haiku below. Be ready to discuss and defend your answers.

**The sack of kittens sinking
into the icy creek
increases the cold
-Nicholas Virgilio**

**the old neighborhood
falling to the wrecking ball:
names in the sidewalk
-Nicholas Virgilio**

**Tears blur the meadow
-- one small pony
nuzzles my hand.
-Billie Wilson**

**Sudden shower
in the empty park
a swing still swinging
-Margaret Chula**

**Blackberry pickers-
A child's laugh escapes
From an old woman's body.
- Alexis Rotella**