

Discussion Ideas for “February 2”

Listen to the poem read aloud the first time for enjoyment. Then, read and discuss the information that is written about the author of the poem. After that, read the poem silently as the poem is read aloud for the second time. After the second reading, you should be able to talk about the discussion ideas listed below.

1. Discuss how the wind and clouds are very much a part of February.
2. Name actions verbs that contribute to the over-all imagery in the poem.
3. Discuss what is happening beneath the frozen earth.
4. Write a poem about one of the twelve months of the year. Your poem should portray the month without mentioning the name. Then, share it with it with others to see if they can guess the month. Hint: Do not use the month as a title.

Discussion Ideas for “The Power of a Word”

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1. How powerful is a word according to the author?
2. When we say a poem “comes full circle,” what does that mean? Does this poem come full circle?
3. Discuss what all the verbs have in common in this poem.
4. Write a power poem: “The Power of _____.” Brainstorm for ideas before you begin writing your poem. If possible, type your poem on the computer in such a way to enhance the power of the poem.