Talking Points: Eric Carle

A collection of sources and imagery to explore the work of Eric Carle.

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Eric Carle is the author and illustrator of over seventy picture books for young children. The most well known book from this collection is The Very Hungry Caterpillar.

As a child, Carle's dad would take him for walks through meadows, memories which heavily influenced his illustrations.

Visit [Eric Carle's website](#) to explore more of his work.

Find out [how Eric Carle paints tissue paper](#).

If your school has access to YouTube you may want to show the first 7 or so minutes of this documentary.

Questions to Ask Children

Have you read The Very Hungry Caterpillar? (If you have the book in school it may be a nice idea to pass it round the class.)

What do you like about Eric Carle's work?

How does the caterpillar in Eric Carle's work make you feel?

What's your favourite insect? Why?

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using sketchbooks to make visual notes

Show me what you see

DETAIL

CONTEXT
TEXTURE
LINE
DARK
LIGHT

BUILD UNDERSTANDING
IN OTHER AREAS

SHOW ME WHAT YOU SEE METHOD:

1) GUIDE SEEING
"SHOW ME..."

2) RULES

SMALL BIG SHARP

3) CHALLENGE EXPECTATIONS

4) COUNT DOWN