

Hometalk

Thoughtful Conversations for Families

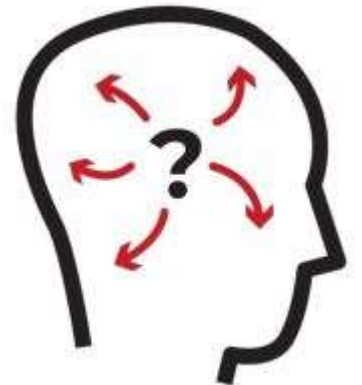
Week 15



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Thinking
Moves



This week's focus is beauty

"In diversity there is beauty
and there is strength"

Maya Angelou



"Beauty is truth, truth beauty,
—that is all / Ye know on earth,
and all ye need to know"

John Keats



"Everything has beauty but
not everyone sees it"

Confucius



Caring thinking

- Really LOOK at the pictures and videos in this pack. How do they relate to your ideas of what is beautiful?

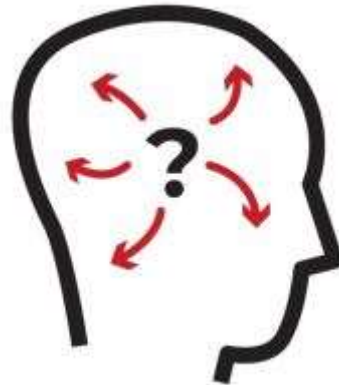


Collaborative thinking

- Talk about beauty with your family, friends and teachers. What is similar and what is different about the ways you see beauty?

Creative thinking

- What does the word “beauty” make you think about? Can you CONNECT it to, or DIVIDE it from, any other ideas?



Thinking Moves

Critical thinking

- Why do you find some things beautiful and not others?
- Why might other people see things differently?

Thinking Moves



Think AHEAD

About the future...



Think BACK

About the past...



CONNECT

What connects one thing to another...



DIVIDE

What's different between things...



LISTEN/LOOK

What do we hear or see ...



ZOOM (in/out)

Go into detail...

See the big picture...

Hometaalk discussion suggestions

For age 3 – 5 years



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zC8m0CU0NF>
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What's the big idea – Cbeebies, What is beautiful - things, sounds, weather, people? Is there something that everyone thinks is beautiful?



Talking Points

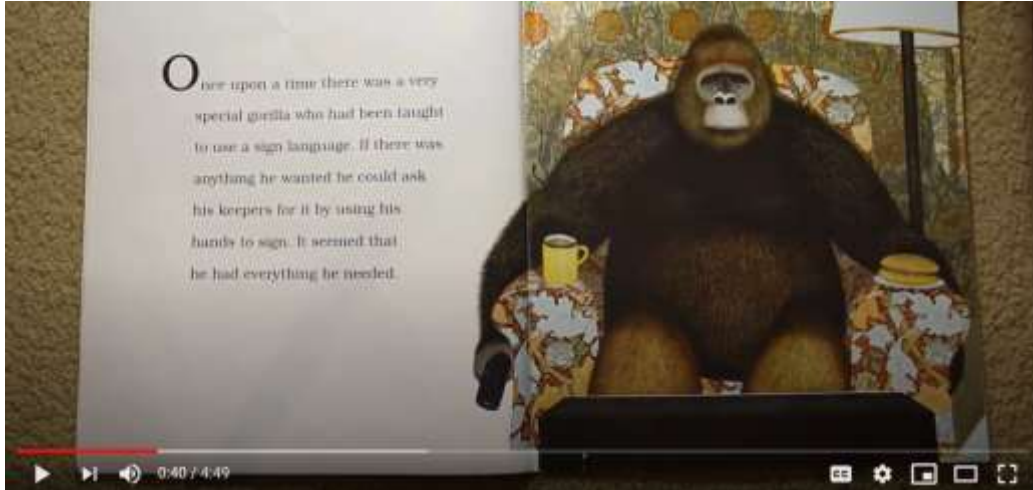
- What things did you find beautiful in the video?
- Do you think other people would find the same things beautiful?
- Why might people have different ideas about what is beautiful?
- What makes something or someone beautiful?

Fun Activity

- LOOK around your home, garden, classroom or playground
- Draw, paint or make 3 things that you think are beautiful

Hometaalk discussion suggestions

For age 3 – 5 years



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fU9tr18jgQc>

Little Beauty by Anthony Browne – A very special gorilla needs a friend. His keepers bring him a tiny cat called Beauty and the two of them become inseparable.

<https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/3484385-little-beauty>



Talking Points

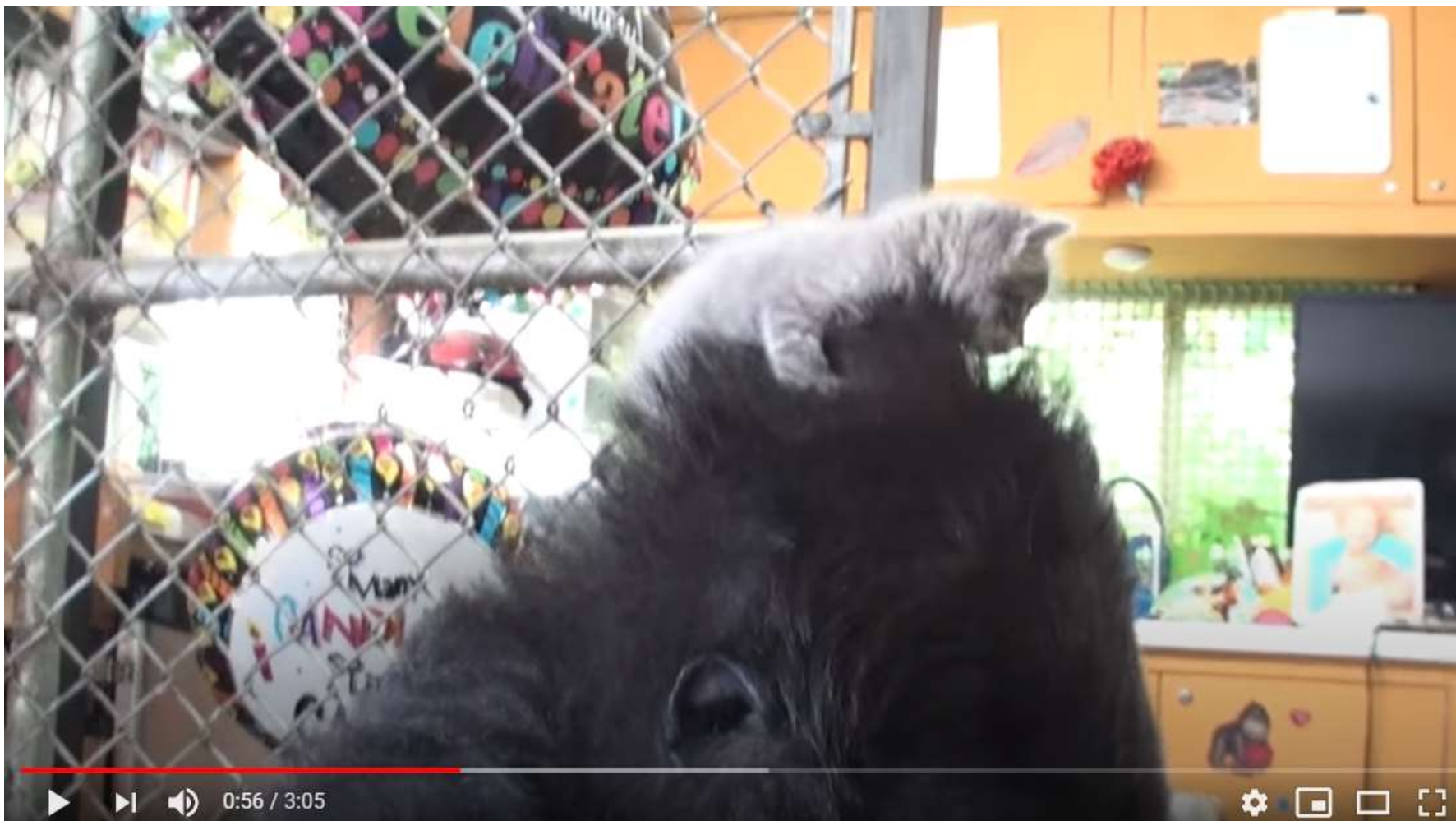
- Do you think Beauty is beautiful? What about the gorilla?
- Do you think they had a beautiful friendship?
- What does the story make you think about the meaning of beauty?

Fun Activity

- Anthony Browne's story is based on a true story. Have a look at the video on the next slide to see the story
- Then see if you and your family can make up a different story about a kitten called Beauty

Next
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Koko, the gorilla, and her kittens



<https://youtu.be/i9HbIf0Wms0>

Hometaalk discussion suggestions

For ages 6 - 9



Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, UK – North Pennines from This is Durham website

Thinking BACK

- An Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty is a landscape whose distinctive character and natural beauty are precious enough to be safeguarded in the national interest.
- England, Wales and Northern Ireland have 46 Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty. There are many more around the world.

Talking Points

- LOOK at the four pictures on the next slide.
- Which picture do you find the most beautiful?
- What do you find beautiful about this picture? What would you like to do if you could go there?

Natural beauty



Homework discussion suggestions

For all ages



The Beautiful Game – National Geographic photo, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

<https://alchetron.com/The-Beautiful-Game>

Parent check



Thinking BACK

- Brazilian footballer Pelé is credited with making the phrase synonymous with football. In 1977, he named his autobiography *My Life and the Beautiful Game*. The book's dedication reads "I dedicate this book to all the people who have made this great game the Beautiful Game"

Talking Points

- Why do you think Pelé described soccer as the beautiful game?
- What games, or other physical activities, would you describe as beautiful?

Homework discussion suggestions

For age 10+ years



<https://youtu.be/3QYOjTIOJQ4>

Parent check

Dove Artificial Beauty Time-Lapse - from the Dove Self-Esteem Programme – more resources for parents and carers at <https://www.dove.com/uk/dove-self-esteem-project.html>

Background

- The Dove Self-Esteem Programme is funded by the Dove beauty brand and these materials have been used to help over 8 million young people around the world.



Talking Points

- What message do you think the video is trying to convey?
- Do you think it's possible to create beauty by artificial means?
- Why do you think a beauty brand would have produced a video like this?
- Can you CONNECT this video to John Keats' quote back on the first slide of this pack?

Hometaalk discussion suggestions

Think BACK

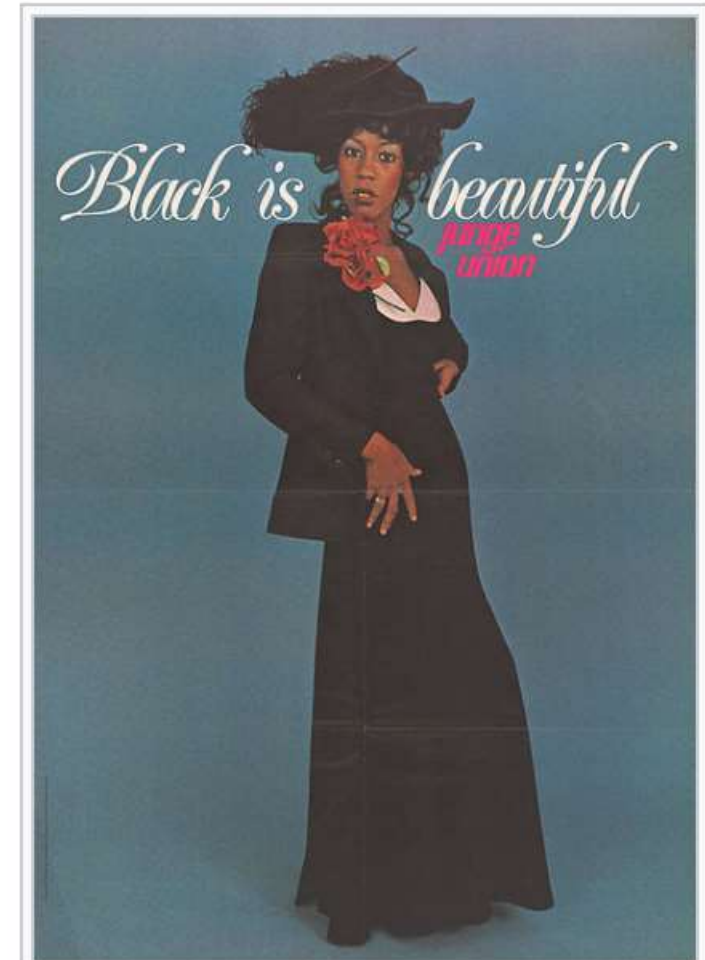
Black is Beautiful is a cultural movement that was started in the United States in the 1960s by African Americans.

Black is Beautiful has bled into fashion, where the idea is that dressing with sophistication helps people command automatic respect from those around them.

Source: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Black_is_beautiful

ZOOM out, CONNECT, DIVIDE

- Why do you think people thought it necessary to start a movement called Black is Beautiful?
- How might the movement CONNECT with the photos on the next slide?
- Also looking at the next slide, how do you think the concepts of beauty and fashion CONNECT and DIVIDE?
- Have you any clothes that you would consider fashionable? Do you feel any different when you're wearing them?



A 1974 German Black is beautiful poster 



The Top Models of Fall 2020

<https://www.vogue.com/slideshow/top-models-of-fall-winter-2020>

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The stars of Spring/Summer 2020 Fashion Week

<https://www.vogue.fr/vogue-hommes-en/article/which-10-male-models-were-the-stars-of-springsummer-2020-fashion-week>

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