

**Four Ways to Look at Roads**  
by Conner, eighth grade poet

The veins of the world  
Running all over  
Going everywhere

The path of life  
Taking you to your goal  
Leading you to your job

The perfect playing field  
The gutter is first  
The pothole is second  
The rock is third  
The misplaced chunk of asphalt is home

The second moon  
Always lit up  
Never going dark  
Lights all around



**Three Ways to look at the Ocean...**  
by Lexi, eighth grade poet

A dark, vast storybook  
Filled with incredible adventures  
And amazing details.

A romantic getaway  
Filled with love, comfort,  
And wondrous mystery.

A dangerous zoo  
Where the real and mythical collide  
Under hundreds of gallons of pure  
darkness.



Inspired by Wallace Stevens' poem *13 Ways of Looking at a Blackbird*, these eighth graders wrote about different ways of looking at other items.

Look these original poems over with a friend, and talk about each poet's **idea development** and **sentence fluency**.

**Six different ways to see the sun**  
by Amanda, eighth grade poet

The bright yellow puzzle piece  
That joins the puzzle  
Of the colors blue and white

A yellow daisy  
Shining proudly  
In a field of blue and white lilies

A splash of yellow coloring  
.floating around by itself  
In a puddle of blue

The single yellow crayon  
In a light blue box  
Filled with white crayons

A yellow moth  
Filtering about  
The colony of blue and white butterflies

The chirping yellow chicks  
Popping out of the  
Blue egg shell speckled with white

