

Once Were Warriors: visual analysis

This task is about visual analysis and interpretation using evidence from the text: an introductory clip to the movie "Once Were Warriors".

Watch the introduction to the Movie, *Once were warriors*. Stop at 1:25.

Then answer the questions that follow.

Click to see video clip: Once were warriors

a) Make three interpretations about the people shown in the scene. Give a piece of evidence (visual/verbal/sounds etc) from the film clip to illustrate each interpretation.

The example below shows how to do this.

Interpretation: The people are unemployed/out of school; adrift; have a lack of focus/direction.	Evidence: Teenagers hanging out on corner.
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What?

What does it tell us?

Tagging on buildings

Crowdedness, turf wars, lack of respect for property/landscape,
disaffected youth, low socio-economic area

Tagging being done in
broad daylight

Teenagers hanging out on
corner

The change in sound/music

Fencing

Proximity to motorway

Dirt and cracked concrete

Beth Heke alone pushing a
trolley

c) Describe all the ways in which the film shows the transition from a landscape to an urban setting.

d) What does this transition represent?

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