THE NEW CREATIVES – URBAN CODES



POSTCARDS – YOUR POSTCODE

What is it? This task is suitable for artists and writers alike. There is an opportunity for both creative writing and artmaking – simple, complex and everywhere in between. For teachers, we will include a PowerPoint and a more detailed description of the writing task.

How do I get involved?

1. VIGNETTE EXERCISE

Compose a vignette about your suburb. Use the following prompts to compose your vignette – write one sentence for each of the prompts:

- Describe the weather
- Describe a sound
- Describe an object
- Update the weather
- Describe an object that you see
- Update the sound.
- Using the object described in the third prompt, write something about the mood of the scene
- Describe an action or a movement using the object
- Describe a physical trait of a local character in the scene.
- End with a single line of dialogue.

Example of completed Vignette:

King's Cross

Postcode 2011

Hot and humid as I imagine hell to be. The clang and the beeping of garbage trucks reversing become familiar as silence. An ibis burrows its long beak into the gutter as a sprinkle of rain brings some cool. People mutter as one woman laughs loudly. The ibis shakes its head as it gobbles down its catch of discarded kebab. The air is thick. Police cars pass; the ibis doesn't even flinch. The woman stops, laughing and gulps from her glass. Her smile is broad and her wrinkles deep. She stares out the window of the Empire Hotel. Well-dressed men hold hands and tend to their pooch.

Example of completed Postcard:







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