Shadow of Blue – Activity Sheet

Shadow of Blue is a beautiful animation that mixes together models and real life to create a stunning visual effect. It´s a touching story in which fantasy and reality merge to make dreams come true. How determining can reality be, and how can fantasy unleash an unexpected freedom? Can a fragile world of lights and shadows show us more than a silhouette drawn against the sunlight?

Pause the movie at 3m06s and think about the following questions:

* Who is this girl?
* Why is she sitting all alone in the park/woods?
* What do you think she is like?
* Why does she seem so thoughtful? Sad?
* What do you think has just happened? Can you predict what will happen next?

Pause at 05m21s

* What do you think about the music being played?
* Write a full description of the scene and make predictions about what you think will happen next. What is through the gate?

Pause at 5m40s

* Do you notice the type of music being used to create a feeling of tension? Can you use this technique in your writing using long descriptive sentences punctuated by small snappy ones?

Watch the next section where the little girl is getting watched by the crow. You could write about this - but remember - show not tell. Describe something watching her – shiny little eye watching her and a coat that shimmered in the cracks of light – keep the reader guessing don’t just say – A crow was watching her.

Pause at 9m30s

* Why is the lady carrying the girl like that? Have you any ideas who this lady is yet?

What does the blue butterfly do at the end? I like to think that it is spreading her lust for life around the hospital/orphanage and then around the town.

The end – Pause – and............................ WOW!

What to do next:

WRITE

Write the story in your own words, maybe you are (1st person) the little girl and 3rd person for the shadow or more interestingly the other way round.

Write a conversation between the girl and her shadow.

Perhaps the little girl writes an imaginary diary each night about her shadow adventures, write this one and other adventures that the mischievous shadow has.