

Comparative Writing

For the past 100 years, Americans have gone to movie theaters for more than entertainment. At the movies, viewers are taken to new places. As Susan Sontag wrote, "Cinema is a time machine."

Directions: Use the stanza below to begin a simile poem that describes how a movie theater is like a time machine. Remember, similes are comparisons that use the words "like" or "as." For example: *She is as jumpy as popcorn kernels in hot oil.*

*Movie theaters are like time machines as windows
are like peepholes to the past and the future.*



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Use action words in your writing!

Try to use some of these action verbs in your simile poem.

shake

zoom

pop

jump

snap

ramble

blink

whisk

stretch

crunch