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**Idea 56: Imaginative landscapes**

*Cattle on the vast plains*

**A** When all those cattle bunch together you just a get a blotch of black and white.

**B** The way all that dust is being kicked up.

**C** Yes – it’s made the sky go golden yellow.

**D** Listen, can you hear them?

**E** Shush. Keep still. Can you feel the vibration? The earth is moving with their distant thudding.

**A** I must say they’re a glorious sight.

**B** I wonder how many there are.

**E** Thousands, I’d say.

**C** See how they’re slowly disappearing into the dusty distance?

**A** Wow! How incredible!

*The Woodcutter*

**A** Is that a woodcutter?

**B** Where?

**A** Right over there in that glade between the trees.

**C** Oh yes! He’s certainly putting some power into those strikes.

**D** I love the way that sunshine shafts through between those trees, like that.

**E** The bluebells really are beautiful aren’t they?

**A** They’re like the carpet of a magical kingdom.

**B** Is that a bonfire over there, next to that stream?

**C** I wasn’t sure if it was smoke or mist swirling round.

**D** I think it’s a mixture of both.

**E** Apart from the sound of the chopping it’s quite quiet isn’t it?

**A** No, there is some rustling in the undergrowth. Listen, just there.

*Deserted Building*

**A** What do you think it once was?

**B** Hard to say. Maybe a water wheel?

**C** Yes, all that collapsed wood next to the main building might be the remains of an old water wheel.

**D** The chimney’s still standing.

**E** See all those rooks have made nests up in the top bits.

**A** Oh yes. There must be hundreds of them.

**B** That’s odd!

**C** What’s odd?

**D** See where the windows once were? There seems to have been bars on them. See those rusty old spikes.

**E** Maybe it was a sort of prison.

**A** There seems to be a spooky feel to it all.