

Name: _____ Teacher: _____ School: _____

Grade 4: Lesson 14 Write about the theme.

The Echoing Green
By William Blake

The Sun does arise,
And make happy the skies.
The merry bells ring,
To welcome the Spring,
The sky-lark and thrush,
The birds of the bush,
Sing louder around,
To the bells cheerful sound,
While our sports shall be seen
On the Echoing Green.

Old John with white hair
Does laugh away care,
Sitting under the oak,
Among the old folk.
They laugh at our play,
And soon they all say,
Such, such were the joys,
When we all, girls & boys,
In our youth time were seen,
On the Echoing Green.

Till the little ones weary
No more can be merry
The sun does descend,
And our sports have an end:
Round the laps of their mothers,
Many sisters and brothers,
Like birds in their nest,
Are ready for rest:
And sport no more seen,
On the darkening Green.

Notes:

Repeated details in "The Echoing Green" by William Blake

Directions: Write a paragraph explaining how William Blake developed the theme in the poem, "The Echoing Green." Be sure to use specific examples from the poem, include an introduction and conclusion to your paragraph, and consider how you will link your thoughts together.

Creative assignment: Illustrate the theme- *cycles are part of life*.