

Creating a Scene: A Way to Introduce or Conclude an Informational Piece of Writing

(with thanks to Portalupi and Fletcher, *Nonfiction Craft Lessons*)

From *Frogs* by Ann Heinrichs

The facts:

- Frog's sticky tongue unfolds from the front of its mouth
- Frogs swallow insects whole
- Frog's eyes sink in and push the food down

The scene:

It is quiet near the pond. Frog sits on the edge of the bank hidden among the wet leaves and twigs. If you listen carefully you can hear the drone of a passing dragonfly. Quick as a wink, frog's tongue darts out of his mouth like a carpet being unrolled. The dragonfly is trapped on the sticky surface and swallowed whole. Frog's eyes sink into his head. Ahhh – lunch!



Your Turn:

From *Hummingbirds: Tiny, but Mighty* by Judy Gehman

The facts:

The scene: