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LO : To draw a setting based on the descriptive language that I have read

Under the volcano, melted rock shifts like thick treacle. The molten rock is nine times hotter than boiling water.

The rocks covering the earth are cold and hard. They form a thin crust like a rind, about thirty kilometres thick beneath the continents, but only five kilometres thick under the oceans. The deeper you go down inside the crust, the hotter it gets. Below the crust lies mantle rock, so hot it can start creeping, and shifting, and melting.

The ground shakes. Gas hisses from the top of the volcano. Columns of purple ash shoot into the sky. Glowing fragments hurl through the air. Then the lava comes, molten rock spilling red-hot down the volcano's sides, and flowing out over the land.

The lava cools. It hardens, forming a thick, wrinkled skin of new rock.

Everything is still. The seas swarm with living things. But nothing is living on this land.

It is 480 million years ago.

What do you picture in your mind?

Create a piece of artwork to show what you saw in your mind.

You could draw a picture, use chalk or paint.

Look at the text for key words to remind you of what was described

Add key words and phrases to your artwork that helped you picture the landscape most clearly.

(Why do you think these similes and verbs were powerful?)

Add more of your own descriptive phrases

Write sentences to show how the text makes you feel.