River of Dreams – Billy Joel

Allusions:

1. Adam and Eve – Garden of Eden – Symbolises all the good things that could happen
2. Starry Night – Vincent Van Gogh
3. Frida Kahlo Image???

Symbolism:

1. Anchor – Grounded, a sign of hope, solid
2. Smoke – Pollution
3. Great Wall of China – Accomplishments, Boundaries, one of the only man made features you can see in space
4. Volcanic – nature
5. Industrialisation/smoke
6. City/cars – adding to the pollution
7. New generation – Father and Daughter – looking at what they have to take on in the future
8. River is his thoughts, dreams. Flushing his imagination – refreshing his mind. It’s calm – symbolised through the use of colour.

Visual Literacy:

1. Reading path – chronological circle – his chain of thoughts
2. Positioning of different symbols
3. Colour
   1. Simplistic
   2. Acrylic paints – basic idea
   3. Prominence Green on the left – colour of nature, hope, nature
   4. Prominence of Red on right side – danger, loss
4. Contrast over his two shoulders – perfect world on the left side of the image contrasting the universe we have now, pollution.
5. Salient image – Individual – the face.
6. Vector line – river

What is this text saying about Discovery?

1. Personal discovery – A person may discover that there is a relief in dreaming
2. Self-Discovery can come from your inner thoughts
3. Environments discovery’s are not always positive
4. Discoveries are not always desirable
5. Discoveries can change the world