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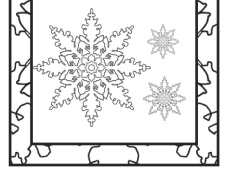
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Pupils' own responses, such as: The author chose to describe the illuminated sculptures as breathtaking because of the effect the lights would have while shining through the large, translucent objects.



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