“Our Appearance” – Connection and Reflection Questions

Connections:
1. What are the ways other people know us?
2. What purpose do our eyes fulfill?
3. What purpose do our words fulfill?

Reflections:
4. Discuss the use of metaphors to describe the soul. Why is it a house? How are eyes like windows? Use the definition of “soul” below to guide your answer:

“The principle of life, feeling, thought and action in humans, regarded as a distinct entity separate from the body and commonly held to be separable in existence from the body; the spiritual part of humans as distinct from the physical part.”

5. Why did the author decide to break the lines where he did in the poem? Why has he chosen to present the meditation using many short lines rather than a couple of longer ones?

6. Examine the use of the author’s use of semicolons. Why did he choose to use semicolons rather than commas, periods, or dashes?

Extension:
7. View the visual that complements this selection. How does it reflect the content or deeper meaning of this passage? Is it appropriate?