

Poetry Response: Quiz 1

1. Henry Reed's "Naming of Parts" is about the parts of (A) a medical exam (B) a mythical island (C) the United States (D) a rifle (E) the human heart.
2. Shelley's "Ozymandias" takes its title from (A) a river in Greece (B) an ancient king (C) the name of a poetic figure of speech (D) a Mediterranean warship (E) a set of prehistoric caves.
3. The speaker in Shakespeare's sonnet says that 'when in disgrace with Fortune and men's eyes' things get better when he (A) happens to 'think on thee' (B) begins to count his blessings (C) remembers that God is forgiving (D) considers the wonders of nature (E) sees one 'less blest than I.'
4. The speaker in Williams's "This Is Just to Say" asks forgiveness for (A) killing a tree (B) breaking a promise (C) stealing a bicycle (D) leaving a wheelbarrow out in the rain (E) eating some plums.
5. Donne's "Death Be Not Proud" ends with (A) "Die not, poor Death" (B) "Ask not for whom the bell tolls" (C) "Death, thou shalt die." (D) "Good fences make good neighbors" (E) "Only the good die young."
6. The rivers in Langston Hughes's "The Negro Speaks of Rivers" are rivers (A) the speaker has visited on vacation (B) leading to the North and freedom from slavery (C) that symbolize oppression and slavery (D) representing experiences of the speaker's ancestors (E) destroyed by pollution and waste.
7. The "real cool" people in Gwendolyn Brooks's poem (A) remain in school (B) provide comfort to their parents in their old age (C) become famous as entertainers or athletes (D) write poetry (E) die young.
8. The knight in Keats's "La Belle Dame sans Merci" is (A) Sir Lancelot (B) pale and alone (C) the future King Arthur (D) defending his castle and title (E) not a knight at all but a lowly peasant.
9. The setting of Sharon Olds's "Rite of Passage" is (A) a birthday party (B) a wedding (C) the sailing of a ship to a war zone (D) a deserted garden (E) a graduation ceremony.
10. In "February," Margaret Atwood uses as both an audience and a symbol (A) her cat (B) a snow storm (C) the woman next door (D) a veterinarian (E) two calendars.

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Answer the following questions with a word or phrase. (Use a complete sentence, go to jail.)

1. Henry Reed's "Naming of Parts" is about the parts of what?

a rifle

2. What does the speaker in Shelley's "Ozymandias" find in the desert?

a broken statue

3. What does the speaker in Shakespeare's sonnet say makes things better when he feels "in disgrace with Fortune and men's eyes"?

"thee" (a lover / a girlfriend / a friend...)

4. What has the speaker in Williams's done that he apologizes for?

eaten some plums

5. What are the final word of Donne's "Death Be Not Proud"?

Death, thou shalt die.

6. What are two of the rivers named in Langston Hughes's "The Negro Speaks of Rivers"?

Euphrates, Congo, Nile, Mississippi

7. What happens to the "real cool" people in Gwendolyn Brooks's poem?

They die.

8. What does the knight in Keats's "La Belle Dame sans Merci" look like?

"alone and palely loitering"

9. What is the setting of Sharon Olds's "Rite of Passage"?

her son's birthday party

10. To what sport does Margaret Atwood refer in "February"?

ice hockey