**Ozymandias**

Percy Bysshe Shelley

1I met a traveller from an antique land,

Who said—“Two vast and trunkless legs of stone

Stand in the desert. . . . Near them, on the sand,

Half sunk a shattered visage lies, whose frown,

5And wrinkled lip, and sneer of cold command,

Tell that its sculptor well those passions read

Which yet survive, stamped on these lifeless things,

The hand that mocked them, and the heart that fed;

And on the pedestal, these words appear:

*10My name is Ozymandias, King of Kings;*

*Look on my Works, ye Mighty, and despair!*

Nothing beside remains. Round the decay

Of that colossal Wreck, boundless and bare

14The lone and level sands stretch far away.”

**Ozymandias Questions**

**Answer the following (can be in point form)**

1. **What type of poem is “Ozymandias”? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**
2. **Who is telling the story of Ozymandias? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**
3. **What does the statues abandonment symbolize?**
4. "No man is an island"
5. The eventual downfall of power
6. The loneliness everyone feels
7. Absence of government in a society
8. **Line 5 contains an example of what literary device (‘and sneer of cold command’)?**

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1. **Select a line that does NOT make use of alliteration in the poem.**
2. The lone and level sands stretch far away
3. Nothing beside remains. Round the decay
4. Stand in the desert… Near them, on the sand
5. And wrinkled lip, and sneer of cold command
6. **What are "trunkless" legs? (line 2) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**
7. **The 'shatter'd visage,' as described in Percy Shelley's “Ozymandias”, refers to what?**

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1. **In the statement “Look on my works, ye Mighty, and despair!” (line 11) Ozymandias is speaking to...**
2. the sculptor of the statue
3. Percy Bysshe Shelley
4. gods and/or other powerful figures
5. the traveler
6. **What is the irony of "Ozymandias"?**
7. Ozymandias thought he would be eternally powerful with his statue, yet the only lasting pieces of his legacy are in ruins.
8. The traveller turns out to be the "king of kings", something nobody saw coming.
9. The sculptor made a mistake when creating the statue, and that is why it has not lasted through time.
10. The expression of the "shattered visage" is actually comical since it is a frown upside down.
11. **What is the central theme of the poem “Ozymandias”?**
    1. Material things will eventually be destroyed
    2. Fate declares the wicked are punished for their crimes
    3. All gods have mortal traits
    4. No man's pride will survive and ultimately it lead to his fall and decline in power

**Fog – Carl Sandburg**

The fog comes

On little cat feet.

It sits looking over harbor and city

On silent haunches

And then moves on.

**Fire and Ice – Robert Frost**

Some say the world will end in fire,

Some say in ice.

From what I’ve tasted of desire

I hold with those who favor fire.

But if it had to perish twice,

I think I know enough of hate

To say that for destruction ice

Is also great

And would suffice.

**Fog – Questions**

1. Based on the poem, and what you know about these two items, compare qualities of a cat, to those of fog.

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| Cat | Fog |
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1. Why does this metaphor work? USE FULL SENTENCES FOR THIS QUESTION.

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1. Think of another example between an element of nature and an animal. Write a simple poem (similar to ‘Fog’) that compares the two.

**Fire and Ice – Questions**

1. Based on the poem, and these four items, write down how they compare to each other. (Compare desire and fire to each other, and hate and ice to each other)

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| Desire | Fire |
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| Hate | Ice |
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1. Why do these two metaphors work? USE FULL SENTENCES FOR THIS QUESTION.

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**Identity - Julio Noboa Polanco**

1Let them be as flowers,

always watered, fed, guarded, admired,

but harnessed to a pot of dirt.

4I’d rather be a tall, ugly weed,

clinging on cliffs, like an eagle

wind-wavering above high, jagged rocks.

7To have broken through the surface of stone,

to live, to feel exposed to the madness

of the vast, eternal sky.

To be swayed by the breezes of the ancient sea,

carrying my soul, my seed, beyond the mountains of time

or into the abyss of the bizarre.

13I’d rather be unseen, and if

then shunned by everyone

than to be a pleasant-smelling flower,

growing in clusters in the fertile valley,

where they’re praised, handled, and plucked

by greedy, human hands.

19I’d rather smell of musty, green stench

than of sweet, fragrant lilac.

If I could stand alone, strong and free,

I’d rather be a tall, ugly weed.

**Identity - Questions**

1. Who might be the ***speaker*** of the poem? Explain your reasoning.

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1. What is the ***tone*** of the poem? Give a specific example from the poem to support your answer.

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1. Are ***similes***, ***metaphor***, and/or ***personification*** present in the poem? If so, give specific examples from the poem of each device.

Similes: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Personification: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. Based on the poem, compare the difference between a flower and an ugly weed. Use examples from the poem. You must have at least **3 examples** of each.

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| Flower | Ugly Weed |
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# The Shark

*Edwin John Pratt*

He seemed to know the harbour,  
So leisurely he swam;  
His fin,  
Like a piece of sheet-iron,  
Three-cornered,  
And with knife-edge,  
Stirred not a bubble  
As it moved  
With its base-line on the water.  
  
His body was tubular  
And tapered  
And smoke-blue,  
And as he passed the wharf  
He turned,  
And snapped at a flat-fish  
That was dead and floating.  
And I saw the flash of a white throat,  
And a double row of white teeth,  
And eyes of metallic grey,  
Hard and narrow and slit.  
  
Then out of the harbour,  
With that three-cornered fin  
Shearing without a bubble the water  
Lithely,  
Leisurely,  
He swam—  
That strange fish,  
Tubular, tapered, smoke-blue,  
Part vulture, part wolf,  
Part neither—for his blood was cold.

**The Shark - Questions**

1. **What figurative language is used in the first stanza? Give an example of it.**

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1. **Identify words in the second stanza that suggest the shark is a dangerous creature. You should have at least 3-4 descriptive words.**

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1. **What are the meanings of “lithe” and “leisurely” from the third stanza? Use a dictionary to find these.**

Lithe: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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1. **In the final stanza, the shark is described as “part vulture, part wolf”. Explain why the comparisons are appropriate.**

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1. **What impression is given of the shark, given that it is not actively preying on anything at the time?**

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**Water Picture – May Swenson**

In the pond in the park   
all things are doubled:  
Long buildings hang and   
wriggle gently. Chimneys   
are bent legs bouncing   
on clouds below. A flag   
wags like a fishhook   
down there in the sky.  
  
The arched stone bridge   
is an eye, with underlid   
in the water. In its lens   
dip crinkled heads with hats   
that don't fall off. Dogs go by,   
barking on their backs.   
A baby, taken to feed the   
ducks, dangles upside-down,   
a pink balloon for a buoy.  
  
Treetops deploy a haze of   
cherry bloom for roots,   
where birds coast belly-up   
in the glass bowl of a hill;   
from its bottom a bunch   
of peanut-munching children   
is suspended by their   
sneakers, waveringly.  
  
A swan, with twin necks   
forming the figure 3,   
steers between two dimpled   
towers doubled. Fondly   
hissing, she kisses herself,   
and all the scene is troubled:  
water-windows splinter,   
tree-limbs tangle, the bridge   
folds like a fan.

**Water Picture - Questions**

1. Give an example of a metaphor and personification in the poem.

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2. In the poem, identify three separate examples of alliteration.

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3. In the final stanza, find an example of assonance.

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4. How is the world altered by the different perspective Swensen sees? Give two examples.

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5. What upsets the reflections in the end?

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