

Poetry Responses Assignment

Write a 5 to 7-line paragraph for any three of the topics below. Double space and number your responses. You may put more than one response on a paper, just be sure to double space between each response so it is clear. Be sure you are putting the poem's title in quotation marks!

1. Explain the ironic discrepancy between the reader's and the small boy's understanding of his condition in Blake's "The Chimney Sweeper."
2. In Hopkin's "Spring and Fall," what is Margaret ostensibly grieving over and what is she really grieving for?
3. Based on Housman's poem what "lesson" has the speaker in "When I was One-and Twenty" learned?
4. What do the "roads" represent in Frost's "The Road Not Taken"?
5. Explain the difference in the advice the father in Meinke's "Advice to My Son" and the mother in Mezey's "My Mother" give to their sons?
6. What does the fifth-grade girl in Peacock's "Our Room" disclose to her classmates? What is the significance of the change in the final line as "I" gives way to "we"?
7. In Dylan's "Do Not Go Gentle into That Good Night" what does the night symbolize? Why don't wise men go gentle into the good night?
8. Why does the speaker's mother in Cisneros's "My Wicked Wicked Ways" "get very mad" about? What do the last few lines mean?