

Year 7 Poetry 8: The Enchanted Forest

Read the following poem and answer the questions below:

The Enchanted Forest

Deep within the forest's heart, Where light and shadow gently part, A hidden world begins to wake, With every breath the trees do take.

The leaves they whisper, soft and low, Of secrets only they could know, The flowers bloom in colors bright, And dance beneath the pale moonlight.

A deer steps lightly through the glade, Where sun and shade together fade, The air is thick with magic's grace, As time stands still within this place.

The stream flows clear, a silver thread, Where wishes linger, softly said, The stars above, they wink and gleam, As if to guard each fragile dream.

So venture not with heavy tread, For here the fey and forest wed, And those who seek with purest mind, May leave the darkest woods behind.



Multiple Choice Questions

- 1. What is the setting of the poem?
- A) A desert
- B) A mountain
- C) A forest
- D) A beach
 - 2. Which word best describes the atmosphere of the forest?
- A) Chaotic
- B) Enchanted
- C) Ordinary
- D) Frightening
 - 3. What does the phrase "time stands still" suggest about the forest?
- A) It is a busy place
- B) It is eternal and unchanging
- C) It is chaotic
- D) It is full of danger
 - 4. How does the poet personify the trees?
- A) By making them walk
- B) By giving them breath
- C) By making them talk
- D) By having them dance



- 5. What does the phrase "the flowers bloom in colors bright" illustrate?
- A) Personification
- B) Simile
- C) Imagery
- D) Hyperbole
 - 6. What kind of tone does the poem have?
- A) Dark and ominous
- B) Light and humorous
- C) Magical and mysterious
- D) Angry and harsh
 - 7. What literary technique is used in "Where wishes linger, softly said"?
- A) Alliteration
- **B)** Personification
- C) Simile
- D) Metaphor
 - 8. What is the significance of the deer in the poem?
- A) It symbolizes fear
- B) It represents innocence and grace
- C) It brings danger
- D) It is the guardian of the forest



- 9. How does the poet describe the stream?
- A) As a fast and powerful river
- B) As a gentle, clear thread
- C) As a dark and deep current
- D) As a stagnant pool
 - 10. The phrase "the fey and forest wed" most likely means:
- A) The forest is a place of marriage
- B) The forest is filled with magical creatures
- C) The forest is dying
- D) The forest is a battlefield



Short Answer Questions

1. How does the poet use imagery to create a magical atmosphere in the poem?

2. What role do the trees play in the enchanted forest?

3. Identify an example of personification in the poem.

4. How does the poet convey the idea of stillness in the forest?



5. What is the significance of the moonlight in the poem?

6. Explain the effect of the "silver thread" used to describe the stream.

7. How does the poet create a sense of mystery in the poem?

8. What does the phrase "venture not with heavy tread" suggest about the forest?



9. How does the poet contrast light and shadow in the poem?

10. What is the message of the last two lines of the poem?



Answer Key

Multiple Choice Questions:

- 1. C) A forest
- 2. B) Enchanted
- 3. B) It is eternal and unchanging
- 4. B) By giving them breath
- 5. C) Imagery
- 6. C) Magical and mysterious
- 7. A) Alliteration
- 8. B) It represents innocence and grace
- 9. B) As a gentle, clear thread
- 10. B) The forest is filled with magical creatures

Short Answer Questions:

- 1. The poet uses imagery such as "light and shadow gently part" and "the stream flows clear, a silver thread" to create a vivid, magical atmosphere.
- 2. The trees are personified as living beings with breath, and they hold secrets, adding to the sense of enchantment in the forest.
- 3. An example of personification is "the trees do take a breath," giving the trees a humanlike quality.
- 4. The poet conveys stillness with phrases like "time stands still" and the overall calm and serene imagery.
- 5. The moonlight adds to the enchantment, highlighting the beauty and mystery of the forest.
- 6. The "silver thread" description emphasizes the delicate and magical nature of the stream, adding to the poem's ethereal quality.
- 7. The poet creates a sense of mystery through the use of magical elements, like the fey, and the unknown secrets of the forest.
- 8. The phrase suggests that the forest is a delicate, sacred place that should be approached with respect and care.
- 9. The poet contrasts light and shadow to emphasize the mystical qualities of the forest, where these elements coexist harmoniously.
- 10. The last two lines suggest that those who enter the forest with pure intentions may find a way out of darkness, possibly metaphorical for overcoming challenges or finding clarity.



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