



Year 8 Poetry 2: Echoes of the Forgotten Shore

Read the following poem and answer the questions below:

Echoes of the Forgotten Shore

By the shore where the waves retreat,
There lies a tale of silence sweet.
The rocks, once proud, now smooth and bare,
Speak of times when they stood tall and fair.

The ocean hums a mournful tune,
Beneath the watchful eye of the moon.
Each ripple carries whispers old,
Of secrets long since grown cold.

The sand, like time, slips through the hand,
Marking the years that have spanned.
Footprints fade with each passing tide,
As memories sink where they once did hide.

The wind sings songs of days gone by,
As seagulls circle, low and high.
Their cries a chorus, wild and free,
Echoes of what used to be.

Here, where the land meets the sea,
There lies a sense of mystery.
In every wave, in every breeze,
Are stories carried by the seas.



Multiple Choice Questions

1. What is the setting of the poem?
 - A) A bustling city
 - B) A forest
 - C) A quiet shore
 - D) A mountain peak

2. What does the "ocean hums a mournful tune" suggest?
 - A) The ocean is happy
 - B) The ocean is calm and peaceful
 - C) The ocean has a sad, reflective mood
 - D) The ocean is angry

3. What technique is used in "Footprints fade with each passing tide"?
 - A) Simile
 - B) Alliteration
 - C) Personification
 - D) Metaphor

4. The "watchful eye of the moon" is an example of:
 - A) Simile
 - B) Hyperbole
 - C) Personification
 - D) Irony



5. What is the significance of "The sand, like time, slips through the hand"?
- A) It suggests that time is easy to control
 - B) It implies that time is slow and steady
 - C) It symbolizes the fleeting nature of time
 - D) It indicates that time is eternal
6. Which language technique is evident in "Each ripple carries whispers old"?
- A) Onomatopoeia
 - B) Personification
 - C) Simile
 - D) Irony
7. What does the "mystery" in the poem refer to?
- A) The unknown future
 - B) The secrets of the past
 - C) The unpredictable weather
 - D) The beauty of the shore
8. What mood is created by the line "Their cries a chorus, wild and free"?
- A) Fearful
 - B) Uplifting
 - C) Chaotic
 - D) Reflective



9. How does the poem describe the passage of time?

- A) As a slow and peaceful process
- B) As something that stands still
- C) As something that quickly fades
- D) As an unstoppable force

10. Which line best conveys the theme of memory?

- A) "By the shore where the waves retreat"
- B) "Footprints fade with each passing tide"
- C) "The wind sings songs of days gone by"
- D) "In every wave, in every breeze"



Short Answer Questions

1. How does the poet use personification in the poem?

2. What is the effect of the metaphor "The sand, like time, slips through the hand"?

3. Identify the rhyme scheme of the second stanza.

4. How does the poet create a sense of loss in the poem?



5. What does the imagery of "footprints fade" symbolize?

6. Discuss the significance of the "echoes" in the title.

7. How does the poet use sound to convey the poem's mood?

8. What does the "watchful eye of the moon" symbolize?



9. How does the poet contrast the past and present in the poem?

10. What is the overall message of the poem regarding memory and time?



Answer Key

Multiple Choice Answers:

1. C) A quiet shore
2. C) The ocean has a sad, reflective mood
3. C) Personification
4. C) Personification
5. C) It symbolizes the fleeting nature of time
6. B) Personification
7. B) The secrets of the past
8. B) Uplifting
9. C) As something that quickly fades
10. B) "Footprints fade with each passing tide"

Short Answer Key:

1. The poet personifies the ocean as "humming a mournful tune" and the moon as having a "watchful eye," giving these natural elements human-like qualities to evoke emotion.
2. The metaphor suggests that time, like sand, is difficult to hold onto, emphasizing its transient nature and the inevitability of change.
3. The rhyme scheme of the second stanza is AABB.
4. The poet creates a sense of loss through imagery like "Footprints fade" and "whispers old," which convey the disappearance of the past.
5. The imagery of "footprints fade" symbolizes the impermanence of human actions and memories, suggesting that nothing lasts forever.
6. The "echoes" in the title refer to the lingering memories and sounds of the past that remain on the shore, even as time moves on.
7. The poet uses sound, like the "ocean hums" and "seagulls circle," to create an auditory landscape that complements the reflective and nostalgic mood of the poem.
8. The "watchful eye of the moon" symbolizes the constant presence of time and the natural world's observation of human life and its transience.
9. The poet contrasts the past, filled with "secrets" and "whispers," with the present, where only echoes and fading footprints remain, highlighting the passage of time.
10. The overall message of the poem is that time and memory are fleeting, and while the past leaves traces, it ultimately fades away, leaving only echoes.



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