

## Poetry Test Review Questions

### ANSWERS

1. Which poems utilize rhetorical questions to make a point?

“Still I Rise”

“Those Winter Sundays”

“Hanging Fire”

2. Which poems share common themes?

“Young” and “Hanging Fire” share the theme that adolescents need adult guidance.

“Dulce et Decorum Est” and “Glory of Women” share the theme that war is horrifying and terrible for soldiers.

“Those Winter Sundays” and “Mother to Son” share the theme that parents make sacrifices for their children.

“Mother to Son” and “Still I Rise” share the theme that one must persevere through difficult times and rise above them.

3. Which poem(s) has/have a sarcastic tone? Bitter tone? Hopeful tone? Nostalgic tone?

Sarcastic: “Glory of Women”

Bitter: “Glory of Women,” “Dulce et Decorum Est”

Hopeful: “Still I Rise,” “O Me! O Life!” Excerpt from “Ulysses”

Nostalgic: “Those Winter Sundays,” “When You Are Old,” “The Road Not Taken”

4. Which poems contain extended metaphors?

“Storm Warnings”

“Mother to Son”

“Do Not Go Gentle Into That Goodnight”

5. Which poems use repetition as a major device throughout?

“Do Not Go Gentle Into That Goodnight”

“Hanging Fire”

“Still I Rise”

“La Belle Dame Sans Merci”

6. What traits are common in Walt Whitman's poems?

Romantic outlook on life; elements of nature; often hopeful tone

7. What traits are common in E. E. Cummings' poems?

Language play; lowercase words; made up words