

The Tide Rises and the Tide Falls

Directions: After reading the poem, answer the following questions. We will use these answers to help us with our analytical discussion.

1. What are the 2 dominant images in the first stanza? How do these images contribute to the poem?
2. In lines 6-7, what 2 words are repeated? How does the repetition impact the poem?
3. In line 8, what is personified? How does this personification contribute to the poem?
4. What are the 3 dominant images in the final stanza? How do the images contribute to the meaning of the poem?
5. What is the theme of the poem? Reference specific lines to support your claim.
6. What is the rhyme scheme of the poem? What impact does this pattern create?
7. What is the meter of the poem? How does the meter impact the poem and its theme?
8. Are there any other patterns that you recognize in the structure of the poem? How do they contribute to the theme?