

ONE SHEET REVISION

'Excerpt from The Prelude' by William Wordsworth

Summarise what the poem is about in full sentences:

Annotate the poem with points you can remember from your initial study:

And in the frosty season, when the sun
Was set, and visible for many a mile
The cottage windows through the twilight blaz'd,
I heeded not the summons: – happy time
5 It was, indeed, for all of us; to me
It was a time of rapture: clear and loud
The village clock toll'd six; I wheel'd about,
Proud and exulting, like an untir'd horse,
That cares not for his home. – All shod with steel,
10 We hiss'd along the polish'd ice, in games
Confederate, imitative of the chace
And woodland pleasures, the resounding horn,
The Pack loud bellowing, and the hunted hare.
So through the darkness and the cold we flew,
15 And not a voice was idle; with the din,
Meanwhile, the precipices rang aloud,
The leafless trees, and every icy crag
Tinkled like iron, while the distant hills
Into the tumult sent an alien sound
20 Of melancholy, not unnoticed, while the stars,
Eastward, were sparkling clear, and in the west
The orange sky of evening died away.

Complete the following questions on context:

- 1) Why is it important to know Wordsworth was a Romantic poet?
- 2) Why is it important to know Wordsworth nostalgic in its thoughts about his childhood?
- 3) How is this shown in the poem?

Complete each analytical verb with a different idea:

Wordsworth may have written the poem:

to criticise

to teach

to warn

to reveal the importance of

to celebrate

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Annotate the following quotations by answering the questions for each:



- 1) What does the line mean?
- 2) What does the line suggest?
- 3) How has Wordsworth used language to present the passing of time?

'And in the frosty season when the sun'

'The village clock toll'd six; I wheel d about,'

'We hiss'd along the polish'

'The orange sky of evening died away.'

How does Wordsworth present the fragility of human life?

Answer in full sentences.