

The Tyger By William Blake

Answer in full sentences.

1. What do you think the poem is about?

- (a) Different animals which live in forests.
- (b) An artist painting a picture of a tiger.
- (c) The poet asking who has created an animal as beautiful and fearsome as a tiger.

2. Explain what you think the poet meant when he described the animal as 'burning bright'.

3. When and where might this animal be found?

4. Write down 2 examples of alliteration from the poem.

5. In verse 4, Blake is suggesting that such a powerful animal must have been created by...

- (a) a sculptor
- (b) a painter
- (c) a blacksmith
- (d) a carpenter

Tick one

6. option.

Is this a modern poem? Explain your answer.

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1. What do you think the poem is about?

Option c – The poet is asking who has created an animal as beautiful and fearsome as a tiger.

2. Explain what you think the poet meant when he described the animal as ‘burning bright’.

Pupil’s own answers. This could be a reference to the colour of the animal’s fur or its ferocity.

3. When and where might this animal be found?

The poet writes that the animal can be located ‘in the forests of the night’.

4. Write down 2 examples of alliteration from the poem.

Examples given may include: ‘Tyger, Tyger’, ‘burning bright’, ‘...frame thy fearful...’, ‘distant deeps’, ‘On what wings...’, ‘...began to beat’, ‘...what dread grasp/Dare its deadly terrors clasp!’

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Option C – a blacksmith

6. Is this a modern poem? Explain your answer.

Pupil’s own answers that should suggest that this poem isn’t a modern poem as there are words within the poem that aren’t used today, such as thee, thy and thine.

