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Answer in full sentences.

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(a) a sculptor

(b) a painter

(c) a blacksmith

(d) a carpenter

Tick one and explain your reasoning.

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# The Tyger By William Blake Answers

1. What do you think the poem is about?

**The poem is about a tiger. The poet is questioning who could have created such a beautiful but fearsome creature.**

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 5 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!'**

5. Write down your favourite rhyming couplet from the poem and explain your reason for this choice.

**Pupil's own answers.**

6. What might 'sinews' be? Explain your reasoning.

**Pupil's own answers that may include words such as tendons, veins or arteries in relation to the heart.**

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

**Option C – a blacksmith Explain**

**your reasoning.**

**An example of reasoning could be– 'I think this because the poet uses words such as hammer, furnace and anvil within verse 4, which are all tools used by a blacksmith.'**

8. Who is 'he' in verse 5?

**Pupil's own answers. This could be a reference to God. Blake may be questioning whether 'he' who created the lamb, could have also created the 'tyger'.**

9. Why do you think the word 'tyger' is spelt with a 'y' instead of an 'i'?

**Pupil's own answers, which could relate to it being an old spelling of the word.**

10. 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.**