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Poetry Worksheet

Read the poem below before answering the following questions.

(Sonnet 33) Yes, Call Me By My Pet Name!

Yes, call me by my pet-name! let me hear
The name I used to run at, when a child,
From innocent play, and leave the cowslips piled,
To glance up in some face that proved me dear
With the look of its eyes. I miss the clear
Fond voices, which, being drawn and reconciled
Into the music of Heaven's undefiled,
Call me no longer. Silence on the bier,
While I call God...call God!—So let thy mouth
Be heir to those who are now exanimate:
Gather the north flowers to complete the south,
And catch the early love up in the late!
Yes, call me by that name,—and I, in truth,
With the same heart, will answer, and not wait.



Sonnet XXXIII from Sonnets from the Portuguese, 1845 (Published 1850)

Questions:

A. Read to understand

Complete the summary of the poem below. Fill the space with a word from the list below.

List: answer, flowers, memories, parents, pastures, pet-name, request, separated

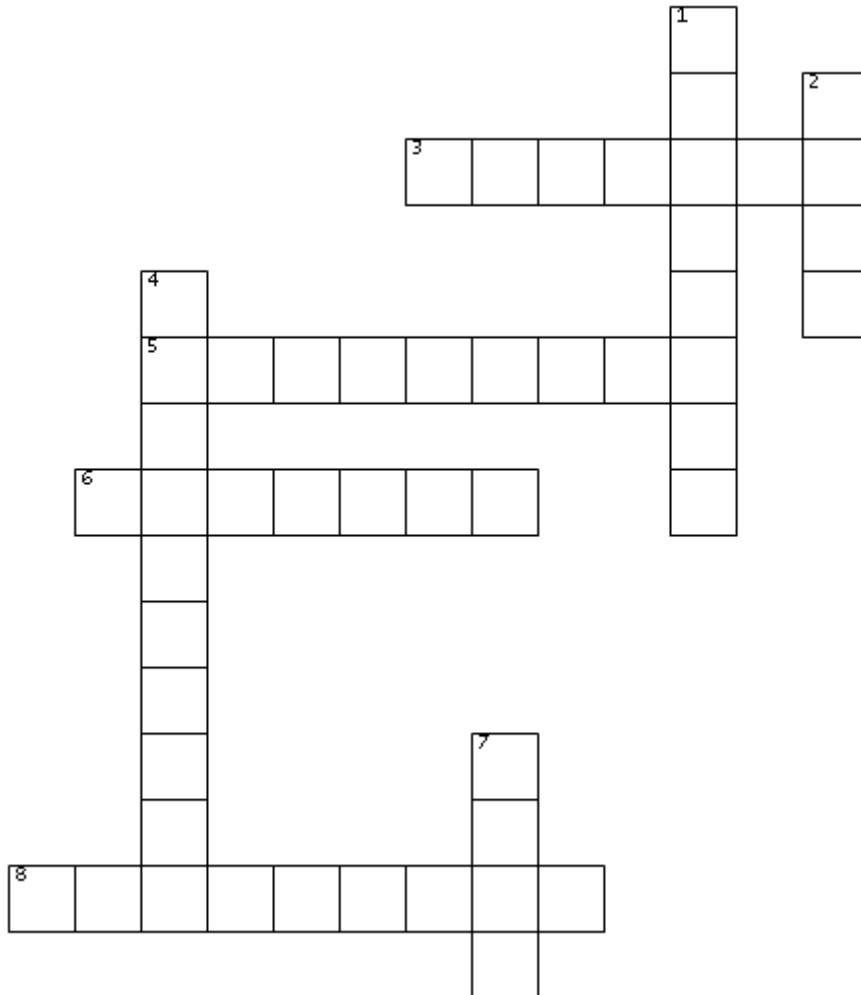
The poem “Yes, Call Me By My Pet Name!” is a _____ by the poet to be called by her _____. The name brings back loving _____ of the poet’s childhood when she enjoyed playing in the _____ while gathering _____. She remembers hearing her _____ call her fondly by the name and running to answer. She no longer hears from her parents as she has been _____ from them. She now asks that her new love call her by her pet-name as she will gladly _____.

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Criss Cross Word Puzzle

Use words from the poem to help you complete this puzzle.



ACROSS

3. absence of sound

5. lifeless

6. fragrant yellow flower

8. pure

DOWN

1. not guilty of a crime

2. person legally entitled to a property

4. restore relation

7. a moveable frame for a coffin or corpse

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B. Literal questions

1. Who wrote this poem?

2. When was the poem written?

3. What is the theme of this poem?

4. Who is this poem addressing?

5. Why did the poet write this poem?

6. Why does the writer want to be called by the “pet-name”?

7. Why is the poet no longer called by the “pet-name”?

Discuss

1. What is a pet-name and why do we have pet-names?

2. Do you have a pet-name? What is your pet-name? Do you like your pet-name? Why?

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Inferential questions

1. Why is the writer no longer being called by the pet-name?

2. Why did the poet repeat God in the phrase, "*While I call God...call God!*."

3. What is meant by:

"With the same heart, will answer and not wait"

4. Do you think the poet is religious? Quote a line from the poem.

5. Why do you think the poet did not give the "pet-name" in the poem?

6. What does the following words mean:

a. Reconciled _____

b. Exanimate _____

c. Bier _____

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7. Name and explain a symbol for mouth used in the poem?

Read to appreciate

8. What is a sonnet?

9. List the rhyming words from the poem for the following words.

hear	child	mouth

10. What is the rhyming scheme for this poem?

11. Why is the phrase “*call God*” repeated in the poem?

12. What is the tone of this poem?
