

Comprehension Poetry – Fact and Fiction

Read the poem below carefully. Then answer the following questions.

The Rainbow

"The Rainbow," by William Wordsworth (1770-1850), accords with every child's feelings. It voices the spirit of all ages that would love to imagine it "a bridge to heaven."

My heart *leaps* up when I behold
A rainbow in the sky;
So was it when my life began,
So is it now I am a man,
So be it when I shall grow old,
Or let me die!
The child is father of the man;
And I could wish my days to be
Bound each to each by natural **piety**.

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1. State one factual statement from the poem.
2. State one opinion from the poem.
3. What do you like about this poem?
4. Write two sets of words that rhyme.
5. Draw a rainbow.
6. What does the writer mean by: "*The child is father of the man*"?
7. What do you think "leaps" mean?
8. What does "piety" mean?