

English 10

Questions for cold poem analysis

1. "Landscape with the Fall of Icarus" is an ekphrastic poem. How does this poem relate to its painting?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. What is the effect of Williams' not using punctuation in the poem? Comment on pace and on syntax.
  - a. pace
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - b. syntax
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. Describe, using poetic terms, the poet's choices with regard to line endings. What is the effect of the poet's choices?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
4. Describe the poem's use of meter and associated ideas (rhythm, syllabics, stress)?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
5. Describe the use of sound (consonant choices and vowel sound frequencies) and sound tropes (alliteration, assonance, consonance) in the poem.

6. “Unsignificantly” is not a standard English word. What is the effect of its use?
7. What is the overall emotional effect of the poem? Briefly provide evidence for your idea.
8. Choose two of the following categories and write briefly on the relationship of the poem’s choices to its overall emotional effect:
- a. stanza length and line length
  - b. line endings
  - c. diction
  - d. syntax
  - e. image (symbol, metaphor)