

1. Define in your own words what down-keepers are? *(If you don't know... try. The only wrong answer is a blank one.)*
 - i. *Down-keepers are people who keep other people down. They don't want you to show your talent or prove how well you can do. They are happy when people fail. They would rather be happy to see you fail than to work hard themselves to succeed.*
2. Define in your own words what sun-slappers are?
 - i. *Sun-slappers are people who don't ever want you to be brought into the light. They are happy when people are kept in darkness, and darkness is a metaphor for ignorance. The more you don't know, the happier they are.*
3. Define in your own words what self-soilers are?
 - i. *Self-soilers are people who make themselves look bad. No matter what, they refuse to put in the work that it takes for them to do well. These are people who may say they care about themselves, but their actions show the truth, which is that they really don't.*
4. Define in your own words what harmony-hushers are?
 - i. *Harmony is a metaphor for togetherness. It represents calmness, people being in sync with one another. Harmony is beautiful. Harmony is when everything just goes right. Harmony-hushers are people who want to silence that harmony. They don't want things to go right. They don't allow people to work well together.*
5. In lines 6-7, the poet is trying to give her wisdom to the reader.
 - a. Who is the speaker?
 - b. Who is she talking to?
 - c. What is the message?
 - i. *The speaker is a mother, and she is talking to her little girl. She is trying to tell her daughter that she will not always know what to say or what to do. She will not ALWAYS have time to figure it out. Sometimes, you have to trust yourself and have faith that what you do will be the right thing.*
6. What does the poet mean by "you will be right?"
 - i. *The poet is saying that if you are always working on trying to say and do the right thing, that when the time comes when you have to act without thinking, you'll still do the right thing anyway.*
7. Explain lines 10-12. What is the poet's final message?
 - i. *Life is not only about how things end. Life is about all of the little things that happen along the way. The experiences that you have from the beginning to the end count just as much as how you end. When you look back on a school year, you don't just think about the last day and your final grades, you think about all the memorable things that occurred throughout the year.*