

Still I Rise Questions

Remember, they are to answer the questions **to each other and not you!**

1. Who could the YOU in stanza one refer to?
2. What does the last two lines of stanza two mean?
3. In stanza 3, Angelou writes, “Just like moons and like suns” What was her purpose for using this simile?
4. Who do you think this poem was written for?
5. How can this poem apply to middle schoolers today? Or can it?
6. Do you think the earth elements repeated throughout the poem could have symbolism?
7. Reread stanza 7. What is the significance of this stanza? Of the repetition of I Rise?
8. Angelou writes, “I am the dream and the hope of the slave.” What could this statement mean?
9. What is the significance of the word, STILL, in the title? What does that tell the reader?
10. Who could be the recipient of the poem?
11. Look back over the poem again. Put a box around one or two lines (if they go together) that best represents the theme of the poem. What lines best represent the theme?
12. If you could describe the theme in one word, what would it be and why?

Writing Response:

How is the mood of the poem developed? What is the purpose of the intended mood? Give textual evidence to support your claim.