

Instructions: Read the poem. Then, answer the questions below.

We Real Cool

by Gwendolyn Brooks

The Pool Players.
Seven at the Golden Shovel.

We real cool. We
Left school. We

Lurk late. We
Strike straight. We

Sing sin. We
Thin gin. We

Jazz June. We
Die soon.

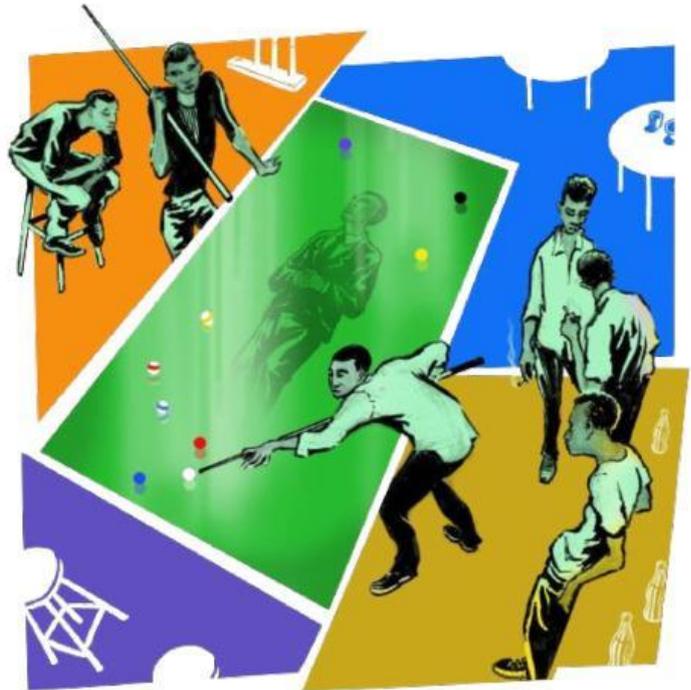


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Answer:

1. What is the significance of the title "We Real Cool" in Gwendolyn Brooks' poem? Explain in your own words.
2. What is the central theme of the poem and how does it correlate to the repetition of the word "We" throughout the poem?
3. What is the overall tone of the poem contribute to the central theme and structure?
4. What example of irony can be found in the poem?