

Elephant in the dark and two kinds of intelligent by Rumi

1. Respond: Do you agree with the ideas expressed in these poems? Why or why not?

2. (a) Recall: In "Elephant in the Dark," what conclusion does the person draw about the elephant after touching its trunk?

(b) Analyze: What circumstances may explain this mistaken conclusion?

3. Infer: Why do you think Rumi calls this person "the cleverest"?

4. (a) Recall: In "Two Kinds of Intelligence," what does the schoolchild do in lines 2—5?

5. (a) Recall: Which adjectives does the poet use to describe the second kind of intelligence?

(b) Interpret: Basing your opinion on these words, explain which kind of intelligence you think Rumi valued.