Count That Day Lost

by George Eliot

If you sit down at set of sun
And count the acts that you have done,
And, counting, find
One self-denying deed, one word
That eased the heart of him who heard,
One glance most kind
That fell like sunshine where it went --
Then you may count that day well spent.

But if, through all the livelong day,
You've cheered no heart, by yea or nay --
If, through it all
You've nothing done that you can trace
That brought the sunshine to one face--
No act most small
That helped some soul and nothing cost --
Then count that day as worse than lost.

Count That Day Lost – Summative Assessment

Name: _____ Date: _____

1. What does the poet compare in this poem? **8 pts**

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2. What time of day is mentioned in the first stanza? 8 pts

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3. What should you do at sunset? 8 pts

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4. The poet mentions three things that **make a day well spent**. Name TWO of them. 8pts

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5. Write in Hebrew the two meanings of the word "count". 8 pts

line 2:_____line 8:_____

6. "Then count that day as worse than lost." 10 pts

What do you do (or not do) on that day? Explain why it's "worse than lost".

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7. Why do you think the poet called the poem Count That Day Lost?

Use one of the thinking skills we discussed in class. 20 pts

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8. Which Thinking Skill did you use? 5 pts

a. Compare and Contrast b. Cause and Effect

9. George Eliot took care of her sick father until his death. She tried to live by the values that she thought were important. She tried to do kind deeds for others, and she said, "What do we live for, if it is not to make life less difficult for each other?" How is this quote reflected in the poem Count that Day Lost?

Write 60-80 words. 25 pts

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