

From the Rubaiyat

Critical Reading

1. Respond: Which images did you find especially vivid and powerful? Why?

2. (a) Recall: In line 3 of poem VIII, what image describes life?

(b) Infer: What does the imagery in the next line suggest life is like?

3. (a) Recall: According to poem XII, what four things does the speaker need to enjoy paradise?

(c) Make a Judgment: Do you think the speaker requires a great deal to be happy? Explain.

4. (a) Recall: two possibilities does poem XVI offer regarding human hopes?

(b) Speculate: What does the speaker suggest about the lives of both the least and greatest of people?