

Chapter 14

Please Don't Read This Poem

Fill in the Blanks

1. The poem begins with the line "Please don't _____ this poem."
2. The speaker claims the poem is only meant for _____.
3. The poem suggests readers should go outside and _____ instead.
4. The speaker threatens to call a _____ if the reader continues.
5. The imagined punishment includes being locked up until you're old and _____.

True or False

1. The poem sincerely doesn't want anyone to read it. (T / F)
2. The speaker suggests playing outside as an alternative to reading. (T / F)
3. The poem threatens legal action against readers. (T / F)
4. "Amigo" is a French word meaning friend. (T / F)
5. The poem predicts readers will be forgotten by their families. (T / F)

Multiple Choice Questions

1. What does the poem repeatedly tell the reader?
 - a) To read carefully
 - b) Not to read it
 - c) To memorize it
 - d) To share it
2. What alternative activity does the poem suggest?
 - a) Going outside to play

- b) Reading another poem
- c) Writing your own poem
- d) Taking a nap

3. What consequence is threatened for reading?

- a) Being arrested
- b) Getting sick
- c) Losing money
- d) Going blind

4. What will happen to readers according to the poem?

- a) They'll become famous
- b) They'll be forgotten
- c) They'll get smarter
- d) They'll grow taller

5. What does "amigo" mean?

- a) Enemy
- b) Stranger
- c) Friend
- d) Teacher

6. What's the poem's tone?

- a) Serious and angry
- b) Humorous and playful
- c) Sad and depressing
- d) Formal and academic

7. What should readers do after finishing the poem?

- a) Read it again
- b) Warn others not to read it
- c) Burn their books
- d) Apologize to the poet

8. What does "frail" mean in the poem?

- a) Strong
- b) Weak
- c) Happy
- d) Rich

9. How does the speaker's attitude develop?

- a) Gets more polite
- b) Gets more threatening
- c) Stays the same
- d) Becomes sad

10. What literary device is used throughout?

- a) Metaphor
- b) Alliteration
- c) Reverse psychology
- d) Onomatopoeia