



Year 7 Poetry 9: Echoes in the Canyon

Read the following poem and answer the questions below:

The Echoes in the Canyon

Beneath the cliffs so tall and grand,
Where winds have shaped the ancient land,
A canyon lies, both deep and wide,
With secrets hidden deep inside.

The rocks stand still, as if in wait,
For echoes that the walls create,
A sound that travels far and near,
Then softly fades, as if in fear.

The sun dips low, the shadows grow,
And whispers through the canyon flow,
The river sings a haunting tune,
Beneath the gaze of a rising moon.

Each echo tells a tale of old,
Of heroes brave and treasure gold,
Of whispers lost in time's embrace,
And memories that leave no trace.

So listen well, with heart and ear,
To echoes that may soon appear,
For in their sound, a truth may lie,
A distant voice, a faint goodbye.



Multiple Choice Questions

1. What is the main setting of the poem?

- A) A forest
- B) A canyon
- C) A mountain peak
- D) A desert

2. What do the echoes in the canyon symbolize?

- A) Joyful celebrations
- B) Lost memories and ancient tales
- C) The sound of the wind
- D) A warning of danger

3. How does the poet describe the sun in the poem?

- A) As bright and harsh
- B) As dipping low
- C) As hidden behind clouds
- D) As shining fiercely

4. Which literary device is used in "The river sings a haunting tune"?

- A) Simile
- B) Metaphor
- C) Personification
- D) Alliteration



5. What is the mood of the poem?

- A) Cheerful
- B) Mysterious
- C) Angry
- D) Excited

6. The phrase "whispers lost in time's embrace" suggests that:

- A) The whispers are loud and clear
- B) The whispers are forgotten over time
- C) The whispers are getting louder
- D) The whispers are a warning

7. How does the poet use imagery in the poem?

- A) By describing the taste of the air
- B) By painting a picture of the canyon and its echoes
- C) By talking about the smell of the river
- D) By describing the temperature of the rocks

8. What is the effect of the "rising moon" in the poem?

- A) It brightens the canyon
- B) It adds to the haunting atmosphere
- C) It signals the end of the day
- D) It creates warmth



9. The rocks in the poem are described as:

- A) Standing still and waiting
- B) Crumbling and falling apart
- C) Glowing in the dark
- D) Covered in moss

10. The phrase "a distant voice, a faint goodbye" implies:

- A) A greeting
- B) A farewell or ending
- C) A loud shout
- D) A warning



Short Answer Questions

1. How does the poet create a sense of mystery in the poem?

2. What role do the echoes play in the canyon?

3. Identify an example of personification in the poem.

4. How does the poet use contrast in describing the sun and moon?



5. What does the phrase "whispers through the canyon flow" suggest about the canyon's atmosphere?

6. Explain the significance of the "haunting tune" sung by the river.

7. How does the poet convey the passage of time in the poem?

8. What does the poet mean by "memories that leave no trace"?



9. How does the imagery of the "rising moon" contribute to the poem's tone?

10. What is the overall message of the poem?



Answer Key

Multiple Choice Questions:

1. B) A canyon
2. B) Lost memories and ancient tales
3. B) As dipping low
4. C) Personification
5. B) Mysterious
6. B) The whispers are forgotten over time
7. B) By painting a picture of the canyon and its echoes
8. B) It adds to the haunting atmosphere
9. A) Standing still and waiting
10. B) A farewell or ending

Short Answer Questions:

1. The poet creates a sense of mystery through the use of echoes, hidden secrets, and the haunting atmosphere of the canyon.
2. The echoes symbolize memories and ancient tales that are hidden within the canyon, creating a link between the past and the present.
3. An example of personification is "The river sings a haunting tune," giving the river human-like qualities.
4. The poet contrasts the sun, which dips low and signals the end of the day, with the rising moon, which adds to the mysterious and haunting atmosphere.
5. The phrase suggests that the canyon is a place filled with secrets and quiet voices, adding to its mysterious nature.
6. The "haunting tune" sung by the river adds to the eerie and mystical feeling of the canyon, emphasizing its connection to the past.
7. The poet conveys the passage of time by describing how the echoes and whispers are lost or forgotten over time.
8. "Memories that leave no trace" suggests that some memories are forgotten or erased, leaving no evidence behind.
9. The "rising moon" adds to the poem's tone by enhancing the haunting and mysterious atmosphere of the canyon.
10. The overall message of the poem is about the enduring presence of the past, hidden in the echoes and whispers of the canyon, and the importance of listening to these distant voices.



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