



## Year 9 Poetry 13: The Last Lighthouse

Read the following poem and answer the questions below:

### The Last Lighthouse

On a cliff that towers over seas,  
Where winds are fierce and shadows tease,  
Stands the last lighthouse, tall and grand,  
A sentinel of a rugged land.

Its beam cuts through the midnight's gloom,  
A guiding light through storm and doom,  
A beacon in the tempest's roar,  
That marks the way to safety's shore.

The ocean crashes, wild and free,  
Its waves a dance of mystery,  
Yet through the dark, the lighthouse stands,  
With steadfast beam and weathered hands.

The light that sweeps through every night,  
Is both a hope and a fierce fight,  
Against the chaos, winds, and fear,  
A promise to those who hold it dear.

When dawn arrives and shadows flee,  
The lighthouse rests in reverie,  
Its duty done, its purpose clear,  
A symbol of the light we hold near.



## Multiple Choice Questions

1. What is the main focus of the poem?

- A) A cityscape
- B) A lighthouse on a cliff
- C) A busy harbor
- D) A mountain peak

2. What does the lighthouse symbolize in the poem?

- A) Modern technology
- B) Hope and guidance
- C) Natural beauty
- D) Historical ruins

3. How is the beam of the lighthouse described in the poem?

- A) As dim and fading
- B) As a guide through storm and darkness
- C) As a simple light source
- D) As a decorative feature

4. What literary device is used in "A beacon in the tempest's roar"?

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



5. What do the “waves a dance of mystery” represent?

- A) The calmness of the sea
- B) The unpredictable and dangerous nature of the sea
- C) The light of the lighthouse
- D) The safety of the shore

6. How does the poet create a sense of resilience in the poem?

- A) By describing the lighthouse’s calm demeanor
- B) By highlighting the lighthouse’s unyielding presence in harsh conditions
- C) By focusing on the lighthouse’s modern features
- D) By describing the lighthouse’s past glory

7. What does the phrase “A symbol of the light we hold near” suggest about the lighthouse?

- A) It represents modern technology
- B) It is a source of inspiration and hope
- C) It is an old-fashioned relic
- D) It is a forgotten landmark

8. What mood is evoked by the line “Its beam cuts through the midnight’s gloom”?

- A) Joyful
- B) Ominous
- C) Hopeful
- D) Fearful



9. What role does the lighthouse play in the poem's narrative?

- A) It represents a historical landmark
- B) It is a guiding force in challenging conditions
- C) It is a decorative element of the cliff
- D) It is a symbol of past failures

10. Which technique is used in "With steadfast beam and weathered hands"?

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



## Short Answer Questions

1. What is the significance of the lighthouse in the poem?

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2. How does the poet use imagery to convey the theme of guidance and hope?

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3. What role does the storm play in the poem's narrative?

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4. Explain the personification of the lighthouse in the context of the poem.

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5. How does the poet create a sense of steadfastness in the lighthouse's role?

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6. Discuss the symbolism of the lighthouse's beam.

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7. What does the phrase "The light that sweeps through every night" suggest about the lighthouse's purpose?

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8. How does the poem explore the theme of resilience?

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9. Describe the mood created by the line “When dawn arrives and shadows flee.”

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10. How does the ending of the poem contribute to its overall theme of hope and guidance?

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## Answer Key

### Multiple Choice Answers:

1. B) A lighthouse on a cliff
2. B) Hope and guidance
3. B) As a guide through storm and darkness
4. B) Metaphor
5. B) The unpredictable and dangerous nature of the sea
6. B) By highlighting the lighthouse's unyielding presence in harsh conditions
7. B) It is a source of inspiration and hope
8. C) Hopeful
9. B) It is a guiding force in challenging conditions
10. C) Personification

### Short Answer Key:

1. The lighthouse symbolizes hope and guidance, serving as a constant source of light and direction in the midst of darkness and chaos.
2. The poet uses imagery such as "A beam cuts through the midnight's gloom" and "The light that sweeps through every night" to convey the lighthouse's role as a beacon of hope and guidance.
3. The storm represents the challenges and dangers faced by those navigating the sea, highlighting the lighthouse's importance in providing safety and direction.
4. The lighthouse is personified as having "weathered hands" and a "steadfast beam," giving it human qualities that emphasize its role as a reliable guide.
5. The poet creates a sense of steadfastness by describing the lighthouse's unchanging and enduring presence despite harsh conditions.
6. The lighthouse's beam symbolizes hope and direction, cutting through darkness and guiding those in need.
7. The phrase "The light that sweeps through every night" suggests that the lighthouse's purpose is to provide constant and unwavering guidance through all conditions.
8. The poem explores resilience through the depiction of the lighthouse's ability to stand firm and continue its role despite the storm and challenges.
9. The mood created by "When dawn arrives and shadows flee" is one of relief and renewal, emphasizing the lighthouse's successful fulfillment of its duty.
10. The ending contributes to the theme of hope and guidance by affirming the lighthouse's role as a symbol of light and inspiration that remains significant even after its nightly vigil.





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