

Comprehension questions

1 What **period of time** is the poem about?

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2 How many years is this?

\_\_\_\_\_

3 What **class** of people is highlighted within the poem? Circle.

working class

middle class

upper class

Write down two jobs, which led you to this answer:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

4 What does the poet mean by 'in times of austerity'?

\_\_\_\_\_

5 What would be happening in a 'foundry'?

\_\_\_\_\_

6 Why is the poet criticising the government? \*\*

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Where is the poet putting his hope for the future?

\_\_\_\_\_

7 Why are **we** able to view this poem differently from those living 'between the wars'?

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\_\_\_\_\_

8 Rhyme is rare in this poem. Find some words that actually do rhyme.

\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

Why is there so little rhyme within the poem? \*\*

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

9 How would you describe the mood of the people who lived between the wars? Choose one word from the list and develop your answer saying why.

hopeful                  angry                  relieved                  anxious  
nonchalant

I believe they were \_\_\_\_\_

because \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

10 Make up your own question below about the poem.  
Ask a friend to answer it.