

Answering Questions of Tennyson's Ulysses

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Question 1

Which statement is true of the setting of the poem?

Answer: Ulysses is speaking from the Underworld after death.

Question 2

Ulysses wants his "mariners" (line 45).

Answer: To set sail with him for unknown lands.

Question 3

Which of the following is the truest claim concerning the first five lines of "Ulysses"?

Answer: The speaker is restless, bored with being king over uncivilized subjects.

Question 4

Ulysses is depicted as being

Answer: a king weary of his duties.

Question 5

The words "gray spirit" in line 30

Answer: are used to develop the paradox that, though old, his spirit burns with desire to seek knowledge.

Question 6





In line 45, the word "gloom"

Answer: Though usually a noun, here functions as a verb.

Question 7

Ulysses thinks of his son Telemachus as

Answer: dutiful and prudent.

Question 8

The word "mete" in line 3 means

Answer: Measure out.

Question 9

Ulysses says in lines 57-59 that it is " . . . not too late to seek a newer world, Push off, and sitting well in order smite The sounding furrows . . . " Which of these claims is false concerning these lines and the passage where they occur?

Answer: He is describing the rowing of an oared ship.

Question 10

The tone of the speaker's voice in the last five lines of "Ulysses" is meant to sound

Answer: inspiring and courageous.

