1. Task 1: Read each poem.

2. Task 2: Answer the multiple choice questions for each poem

Note: Question bubbles indicate that the answer is in the text above, or near the bubble. In addition, **bolded** words are defined at the end of each poem to better your understanding.

3. Task 3: Complete one of the choices at the end

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<th>Poem 1 “If” by Rudyard Kipling</th>
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If you can keep your head when all about you
Are losing theirs and blaming it on you,
If you can trust yourself when all men doubt you,
But make allowance for their doubting too;
If you can wait and not be tired by waiting,
Or being lied about, don’t deal in lies,
Or being hated, don’t give way to hating,
And yet don’t look too good, nor talk too wise:

If you can dream—and not make dreams your master;
If you can think—and not make thoughts your aim;
If you can meet with Triumph and Disaster
And treat those two impostors just the same;
If you can bear to hear the truth you’ve spoken
Twisted by **knaves** to make a trap for fools,

1. What is the most likely justification as to why this poem is titled “If”?
   - A. Many lines start with “If”
   - B. Success comes only if certain actions are taken
   - C. It’s a short and fun title.

2. Which of the following best paraphrases the author’s advice about interacting with others?
   - A. Do not worry about what others think.
   - B. Keep track of people who doubt you.
   - C. Never trust people that lie to you.
Or watch the things you gave your life to, broken,
And stoop and build 'em up with worn-out tools:

If you can make one heap of all your winnings
And risk it on one turn of pitch-and-toss,
And lose, and start again at your beginnings
And never breathe a word about your loss;
If you can force your heart and nerve and sinew
To serve your turn long after they are gone,
And so hold on when there is nothing in you
Except the Will which says to them: 'Hold on!'

If you can talk with crowds and keep your virtue
Or walk with Kings—nor lose the common touch,
If neither foes nor loving friends can hurt you,
If all men count with you, but none too much;
If you can fill the unforgiving minute
With sixty seconds’ worth of distance run,
Yours is the Earth and everything that’s in it,
And—which is more—you’ll be a Man, my son!

Definitions
Knaves: Dishonest men
Sinew: Tissue connecting muscle to bone; something that binds together
Virtue: Morally good behavior or character

3. Which of the following best paraphrases the author’s advice on dealing with adversity?

A. Be careful not to take unnecessary risks.
B. Keep going even when you fail and have to start over.
C. Improve your willpower by seeking out difficulty.

4. What does the speaker claim will happen if his son takes his advice?

A. His son will be successful and become a man.
B. His son will not lose friends or make enemies.
C. His son will get the chance to meet many kings.
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<th>Poem 2  by Ralph Waldo Emerson</th>
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<td>To laugh often and much;</td>
<td>1. Which of the following best paraphrases the author’s advice about interacting with others?</td>
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<td>to win the respect of the intelligent people and the affection of children;</td>
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<td>to earn the appreciation of honest critics and endure the betrayal of false friends;</td>
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<td>to appreciate beauty;</td>
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<td>to find the best in others;</td>
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<td>to leave the world a bit</td>
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<td>better whether by a healthy child, garden patch,</td>
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<td>or a redeemed social condition;</td>
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<td>to know that one life has breathed easier because you lived here.</td>
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<td>This is to have succeeded.</td>
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Definitions

**Redeemed** (adjective): to get back or to regain something, such as a social condition

2. According to the author, what is the best definition of success?

   A. Enjoying life while making the world a better place for others
   B. Treating others well
   C. Going for walks and taking in the scenery.
### Poem 3- a song entitled “Am I Wrong” by Nico & Vinz

Am I wrong for thinking out the box from where I stay?  
Am I wrong for saying that I’ll choose another way?  
I ain't trying to do what everybody else doing  
Just cause everybody doing what they all do  
If one thing I know, how far would I grow?  
I'm walking down this road of mine, this road that I call home  
So am I wrong for thinking that we could be something for real?  
Now am I wrong for trying to reach the things that I can't see?  
But that's just how I feel, that's just how I feel  
That's just how I feel trying to reach the things that I can't see  
Am I tripping for having a vision?  
My prediction, I'mma be on the top of the world  
Hope you, hope you don't look back, always do what you decide  
Don't let them control your life, that's just how I feel  
Fight for yours and don't let go, don't let them compare you, no  
Don't worry, you're not alone, that's just how we feel  
So am I wrong for thinking that we could be something for real?  
Now am I wrong for trying to reach the things that I can't see?  
But that's just how I feel, that's just how I feel  
That's just how I feel trying to reach the things that I can't see

### Questions

1. According to the speaker, where does success start?
   
   A. When you start traveling the world  
   B. With a vision of success in your mind  
   C. When someone shows you how to be successful

2. Which of the following best paraphrases the author’s advice for finding the path to success?
   
   A. Let others make decisions for you  
   B. Take your own path and don’t let people control you.  
   C. When people tell you you’re wrong, listen and follow their advice
End Task:

Choose one of the following to complete

NOTE: Please maintain your academic integrity as you complete your choice below. The work should be your own original thoughts and ideas.

1. Create a brochure on paper comparing and contrasting the three poems
   - Panel 1: Title and Your Name
   - Panel 2: Define success and what it means to you
   - Panel 3: Draw a picture/representation of success
   - Panel 4: Title of poem 1 and explain how the poem has a theme of success with one textual example from the poem
Panel 5: Title of poem 2 and explain how the poem has a theme of success with one textual example from the poem

Panel 6: Title of poem 3 and explain how the poem has a theme of success with one textual example from the poem

2. Find a song with the same theme as "success" and explain in a small writing piece of how it relates to each poem

3-4 paragraphs

Paragraph 1: Identify the song title and artist. Explain what the song is about.

Paragraphs 3-4: Explain how the song you chose relates to each poem. Be sure to give textual examples from both the song and poems.

3. Write a narrative of a time when you felt successful or unsuccessful

1-½ pages

This is a personal narrative about you.

Be sure to include specific details that you recall

Explain why you felt successful or unsuccessful