Directions: Read the poem below below and complete the three tasks.

Note: Each task will take approximately 20 minutes to complete. You may complete the tasks all at once or over the course of three days.

Robert Lee Frost (1874-1963) was a popular American poet, well-known for his depictions of rural life in New England. In this poem, a speaker describes snow falling on them from a tree branch. As you read, take notes on what happens to the speaker and how it affects them.

[1] The way a crow
[2] Shook down on me
[3] The dust of snow
[4] From a hemlock tree
[5] Has given my heart
[7] And saved some part
[8] Of a day I had rued.

*Task 1- Annotations:*Step 1: Find at least 3 words that you didn’t know the meaning of before. Circle those words and write the definition down. Step 2: For each stanza (block) write a 1-2 sentence summary of what you think is happening. You may use the space below or to the side of the stanzas for your annotations.

*Task 2- EBSR:* Complete the EBSR questions. Be sure to read each response carefully and choose the best answer.

1. **PART A:** Which of the following best describes the theme of the poem?
   A. Spending time in nature can have positive effects on a person’s mind.
   B. Animals can provide people with comfort during difficult times
   C. It is common for people to feel fearful about their future.
   D. Spending time in nature can make people feel more alone than they are
2. **PART B:** Which detail from the text best supports the answer to Part A?

   A. “The way a crow / Shook down on me” (Lines 1-2)
   B. “The dust of snow / From a hemlock tree” (Lines 3-4)
   C. “Has given my heart / A change of mood” (Lines 5-6)
   D. “And saved some part / Of a day I had rued” (Lines 7-8)

3. Which of the following most closely identifies what the crow symbolizes?

   A. an ominous warning
   B. an unlikely source of happiness
   C. the power of nature
   D. the speaker’s fears

4. How does stanza 2 contribute to the overall meaning of the poem?

   *Task 3- Answer following questions to respond to in a complete sentence. Be sure to support your responses with evidence from the text.*

1. In your opinion, do people have control over their own happiness? Why or why not? Does the speaker believe that they have control over their happiness?

2. The speaker’s mood is improved in the poem. What other experiences do you think would improve the speaker’s mood, based on what you know from the poem? When you’re feeling down, what improves your mood?

3. In the context of the poem, how can we achieve happiness? Why do you think the falling snow positively impacts the speaker? Cite examples from the text, your own experience, and other literature, art, or history in your answer.