

Tuck Everlasting
Chapters 23 & 24 ~ Poetry Analysis

Name _____

Date _____

While Winnie stands in the darkness outside of the jailhouse, she has lines from an old poem in her head:

*Stone walls do not a prison make,
Nor iron bars a cage.*

These lines are found in a poem written by Richard Lovelace titled "Stone Walls Do Not a Prison Make". After reading the poem carefully, write an interpretation of the poem in the margin beside it, then answer the questions that follow.

Stone Walls Do Not a Prison Make

Stone walls do not a prison make,
Nor iron bars a cage;
Minds innocent and quiet take
That for an **hermitage***;
If I have freedom in my love,
And in my soul am free,
Angels alone that soar above
Enjoy such liberty.

Richard Lovelace
1618 - 1657

***her·mit·age**: \hər-mə-tij\; *noun*

Date: 14th century

1 **a** : the habitation of a hermit **b** : a secluded residence or private retreat: hideaway **c**: monastery **2** : the life or condition of a hermit

1. Who is the speaker of the poem? _____
2. Which of the following is the best theme for this poem?
 - a. Angels are beautiful and protective.
 - b. Children have innocent minds.
 - c. Only you have the power to imprison your mind.
 - d. The mind is a terrible thing to waste.
3. Which of the following is the best overall tone of this poem?
 - a. harsh and hateful
 - b. honest and profound
 - c. humorous and lighthearted
 - d. eloquent and encouraging
4. After reading the poem and the dictionary entry, which of the following would be a synonym for **hermitage**?
 - a. a large castle
 - b. a refuge
 - c. a sail boat
 - d. a shell
5. What is the rhyme scheme of the poem?
 - a. AABCCDD
 - b. ABCABCAB
 - c. ABABCD CD
 - d. None of these, it is free verse.