

Question Support

LITERARY ANALYSIS

For questions 1–2, see page 529 of the Student Edition.

Directions: Answer the questions.

- 3. Examine Epitaph** In “On My First Son,” tell which lines would make a good gravestone epitaph. Give reasons for your answer.

- 4. Interpret Theme** Read these lines from “On My First Son.” Then complete the sentence.

lines 1–2 lines 3–4 lines 11–12

Jonson is saying that getting too attached to someone can _____

- 5. Analyze Figurative Language** An **extended metaphor** compares two unlike things for some length and in several ways. In lines 1–6 of “Song: To Celia,” Celia’s kiss is compared to _____

- 6. Analyze Rhyme** Write the letter of the poem on the line next to the rhyme scheme.

____ aabbccddeeff

a. “On My First Son”

____ abcbabcbdefedefe

b. “Song: To Celia”

- 7. Compare Speakers** Complete the following sentences.

The speaker in “On My First Son” believes that love brings _____

The speaker in “Song: To Celia” believes that love brings _____

- 8. Compare Author’s Perspectives** Reread lines 5–8 of “On My First Son.” Then reread John Donne’s “Holy Sonnet 10.” Both poets believe in life after death. Complete the following sentences.

The poem that is sadder is _____

The poem that expresses more hope and faith is _____
