

Question Support

LITERARY ANALYSIS

For questions 1–3, see page 322 of the Student Edition.

Directions: Answer the questions.

- 4. Identify Paradox** A **paradox** is a statement that seems to contradict what you already know about something. What paradox about fire and ice does Spenser use in “Sonnet 30”? _____

- 5. Examine Spenserian Sonnet** The last two lines of this kind of sonnet usually address issues that are mentioned in the earlier lines. “Sonnet 30” tells about two people who do not feel the same way about each other. Do the last two lines resolve their conflict? Explain. _____

- 6. Summarize Major Ideas in Poetry** Write the theme, or main idea, of each poem.

“Sonnet 30”: _____

“Sonnet 75”: _____

- 7. Draw Conclusions** Reread lines 13 and 14 in each poem. Tell how each speaker feels about romantic love.

“Sonnet 30”: _____

“Sonnet 75”: _____

- 8. Compare Texts** Reread lines 5–8 of “Sonnet 75.” Compare them to the words of the nymph in “The Nymph’s Reply to the Shepherd” (page 316). How are the speakers alike?
