

Question Support

LITERARY ANALYSIS

For questions 1–3 see page 492 of the Student Edition.

Directions: Answer the questions.

4. Interpret Diction and Tone Reread lines 1–8 of “When I Consider How My Light Is Spent.” How does Milton feel about his blindness? _____

5. Examine Symbol In “When I Consider How My Light Is Spent,” *light* has two meanings. One meaning is “illumination.” What is the other, symbolic meaning? _____

6. Analyze Figurative Language Circle the kind of figurative language that is used in each passage.

a. the description of his talents (lines 5–8 of “How Soon Hath Time”)

metaphor personification

b. references to patience (lines 8–14 of “When I Consider How My Light Is Spent”)

metaphor personification

7. Understand Poetic Form In an *Italian sonnet*, the first eight lines present a problem or raise a question. The next six lines resolve or comment on the problem. Choose one of the poems. Tell how it fits this pattern.

8. Clarify Meaning Tell how you used rereading and restating to help understand the poems.
