

Question Support

LITERARY ANALYSIS

For questions 1–4, see page 789 of the Student Edition.

Directions: Answer the questions.

- 5. Clarify Meaning** Look at the passages you paraphrased. Which passage was hardest to understand? Why? _____

- 6. Identify Theme** Read lines 37–42 of “To a Mouse.” What is Burns saying about making plans? _____

- 7. Interpret Satire** A **satire** pokes fun at a person or at society. How does “To a Louse” poke fun at society? _____

- 8. Compare Speakers** Circle the word that describes how the speaker in “To a Mouse” feels about the mouse.

a. angry

b. disturbed

c. fearful

d. sympathetic

Underline the word that describes how the speaker in “To a Louse” feels about the louse.

a. amused

b. sad

c. furious

d. frightened

- 9. Draw Conclusions** Complete the following sentence.

I think Burns chose simple, everyday things to talk about in his poems because _____

- 10. Analyze Dialect** What does Burns’s use of dialect tell you about the poems’

setting? _____

How does Burns’s use of dialect affect the tone of his poems? _____