

from PREFACE TO LYRICAL BALLADS, WITH PASTORAL AND OTHER POEMS/
from A DEFENSE OF POETRY

Reading Check

Directions: Recall the ideas presented by William Wordsworth and Percy Bysshe Shelley in their works. Then answer the questions in phrases or sentences.

1. According to Wordsworth, what is the best subject for poetry?

2. What explanation does Wordsworth give for choosing the subjects that he does?

3. Why does Wordsworth feel that poets should use “simple and unelaborated expressions?”

4. Why did Shelley write *A Defense of Poetry*?

5. According to Shelley, what does poetry do for beauty?
