

Task 1: Read the following story (access from Benchmark) and answer the questions. Be sure to scroll all the way down for your second task.

In the Footprints of the Yeti

1.The Himalayas were a forbidding place. All of the following are true details support this fact except.

- a. There were often avalanches.
- b. It was windy.
- c. There were extreme high temperatures.
- d. It was difficult to breath.

2.All of the following statements support the idea that the Sherpa did not trust the Englishmen except...

- a. The Englishmen carried guns with them.
- b. There were no snow bears to be found.
- c. The Englishmen did not use a looking glass.
- d. They did not pay Tsering for being their guide.

3.What happened right after the Sherpa left for Kathmandu?

- a. The Englishmen paid for the Sherpa's services.
- b. The Englishmen left for the snowfield.
- c. The Englishmen stayed at the monastery to watch the Monks pray.
- d. The Englishmen went shopping for a tent and other supplies.

4.All of the following were challenges the Englishmen faced except...

- a. The weather was dangerously cold.
- b. The men were faced with hypothermia.
- c. The men lost their map.
- d. The men were exhausted.

5. Which of the following statements uses figurative language?

- a. Mitchel smiled and winked feebly.
- b. They waded through the thick sea of snow.
- c. Suddenly, the monastery loomed in front of them.
- d. As the storm raged on, the exhausted men dozed off.

6. All of the following statements suggest that the Yeti helped the Englishmen except...

- a. None of the monks had left the monastery since the storm began.
- b. One raised its arm and gestured for him to follow.
- c. I told you they were gentle.
- d. Everything they had left behind in the snowfield was in a neat pile.

Task 2: Choose 1 of the following options.

Option 1: Blackout Poetry. Create a poem by taking some type of text such as a magazine or newspaper and blacking out words until a poem is formed. For more information on this type of poem click on the following link.

[Blackout Poetry](#)

Option 2: Haiku Poem. A Haiku is a Japanese poem that includes 3 lines. The first line has 5 syllables, the second line has 7 syllables, and the third line has 5 syllables. The subject of your poem can be anything. Here is an example of a Haiku poem.

School is Over

The class is vacant
The bright sun is beaming high
Summertime is here

Option 3: Shape Poem. A shape poem is a poem that takes on the shape of the thing you are writing about. Whatever you decide to write about, make sure you can draw it! Here is an example of a shape poem.

"Rain,
Rain. Go away.
Come again another day."
Rain, Rain. Go away! Rain, Rain.
You make me sad. Rain, Rain. You make
Me mad. Rain, Rain. You make the roads slick and wet.
Rain, Rain. You make my hair a big mess. Rain, Rain. You
tend to make me quite upset. Rain, Rain. I like you less and less.

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