

Instructions: Read the poem below carefully. Then, read it a second time, but start at the bottom line and work your way up, line by line. See the difference? Now, complete the constructed response.

Today was the absolute worst day ever

And don't try to convince me that

There's something good in every day

Because, when you take a closer look,

This world is a pretty evil place.

Even if

Some goodness does shine through once in a while

Satisfaction and happiness don't last.

And it's not true that

It's all in the mind and heart

Because

True happiness can be attained

Only if one's surroundings are good

It's not true that good exists

I'm sure you can agree that

The reality

Creates

My attitude

It's all beyond my control

And you'll never in a million years hear me say

Today was a very good day.

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Constructed Response – “Perspective” Poem

What do you think the poet was trying to say about life? How do you know (cite evidence)?

**Remember R.A.C.E. strategy: Restate the question, Answer the question, Cite evidence from the text (direct quotes or paraphrase), Explain your answer (without using personal comments such as “I think”).**

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