**Poem of the Week – “The Tyger” by William Blake**

Tyger, Tyger, burning bright,

In the forests of the night;

What immortal hand or eye,

Could frame thy fearful symmetry?

In what distant deeps or skies

Burnt the fire of thine eyes!

On what wings dare he aspire?

What the hand, dare seize the fire?

And what shoulder, & what art,

Could twist the sinews of thy heart?

And when thy heart began to beat,

What dread hand? & what dread feet?

1. What form of figurative language is used in the first line of the poem?
2. Personification
3. Simile
4. Alliteration
5. Idiom
6. “Burnt the fire of thine eyes!” is an example of:
7. Personification
8. Onomatopoeia
9. Metaphor
10. Simile

3. William Blake compares the creator of the “Tyger” to:

1. An artist
2. A blacksmith
3. A soldier
4. A shepard

What the hammer? what the chain,

In what furnace was thy brain?

What the anvil? what dread grasp,

Dare its deadly terrors clasp?

When the stars threw down their spears

And water’d heaven with their tears:

Did he smile his work to see?

Did he who made the Lamb make thee?

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4. Which stanza supports the answer to number 3?

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5. Which phrase demonstrates an oxymoron?

1. Burning bright
2. Immortal hand
3. Furnace of thy brain
4. Fearful symmetry

6. What is the truth that is spoken in the answer to number 5? Provide your answer in 1-3 sentences.

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**Everyone must do this question!**

7. Using your archetypes packet, review the description of the symbolic archetype of fire. How does William Blake utilize this archetype in the poem “The Tyger?” What theme does this symbolic archetype support?

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