#### **POETRY WORKSHEET**

# A Consumer's Report

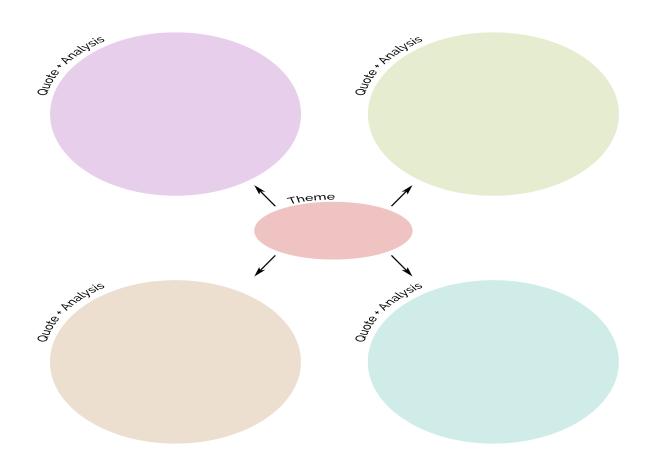
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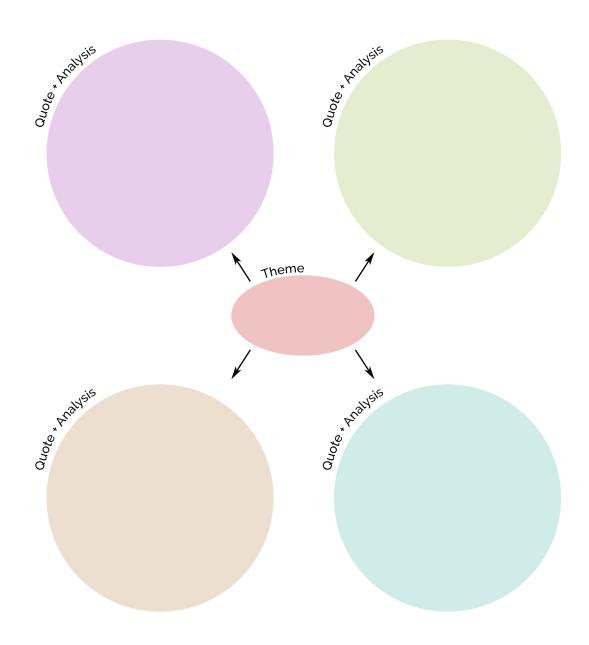
### **TASKS**

#### 1a. Pick two of these themes,

then make a mind map for each by adding four separate quotations from the story that relates to them. Make short notes of analysis, explaining how and why each one relates to your theme.

- Existence
- Economics
- Capitalism, consumerism and materialism
- Modernism
- Postmodernism
- Pessimism
- Business





1b. What, in your opinion, is the author's final message or statement about each theme that you chose?							

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EXERCISES
1. Identify and discuss the humorous use of irony in this poem.

2.	What events and trends in the mid-1900s might have compelled the poet to write this poem?

3.	Identify through	and out thi	exemplify is poem.	the	two	distinct	moods	that	are	conveyed

## **PRACTICE ESSAY QUESTIONS**

- 1. What do you think is the speaker's attitude towards life? Support your answers with evidence from the poem.
- 2. "The modern world is shallow and disappointing." To what extent do you agree, in reference to the viewpoint presented in the poem?
- 3. In what ways does Porter comment on capitalism in "A Consumer's Report"?