

# POETRY WORKSHEET

## Blessing

Imitiaz Dharker

### TASKS

1. Write out your own definition of the word 'Blessing'.

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- What things do you consider to be blessings in your own life?

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- Do you consider yourself to be a particularly blessed person? Why / why not?

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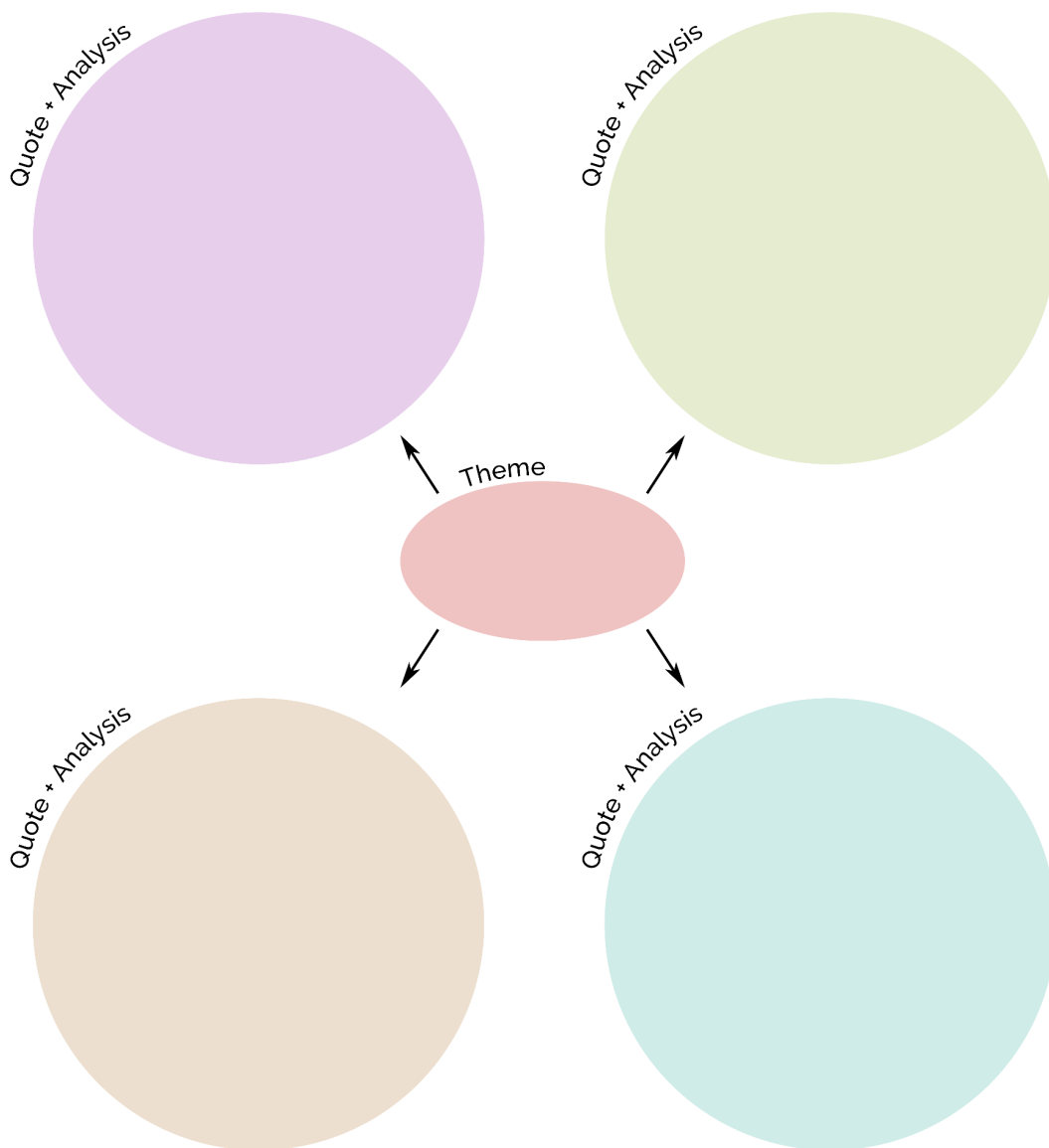
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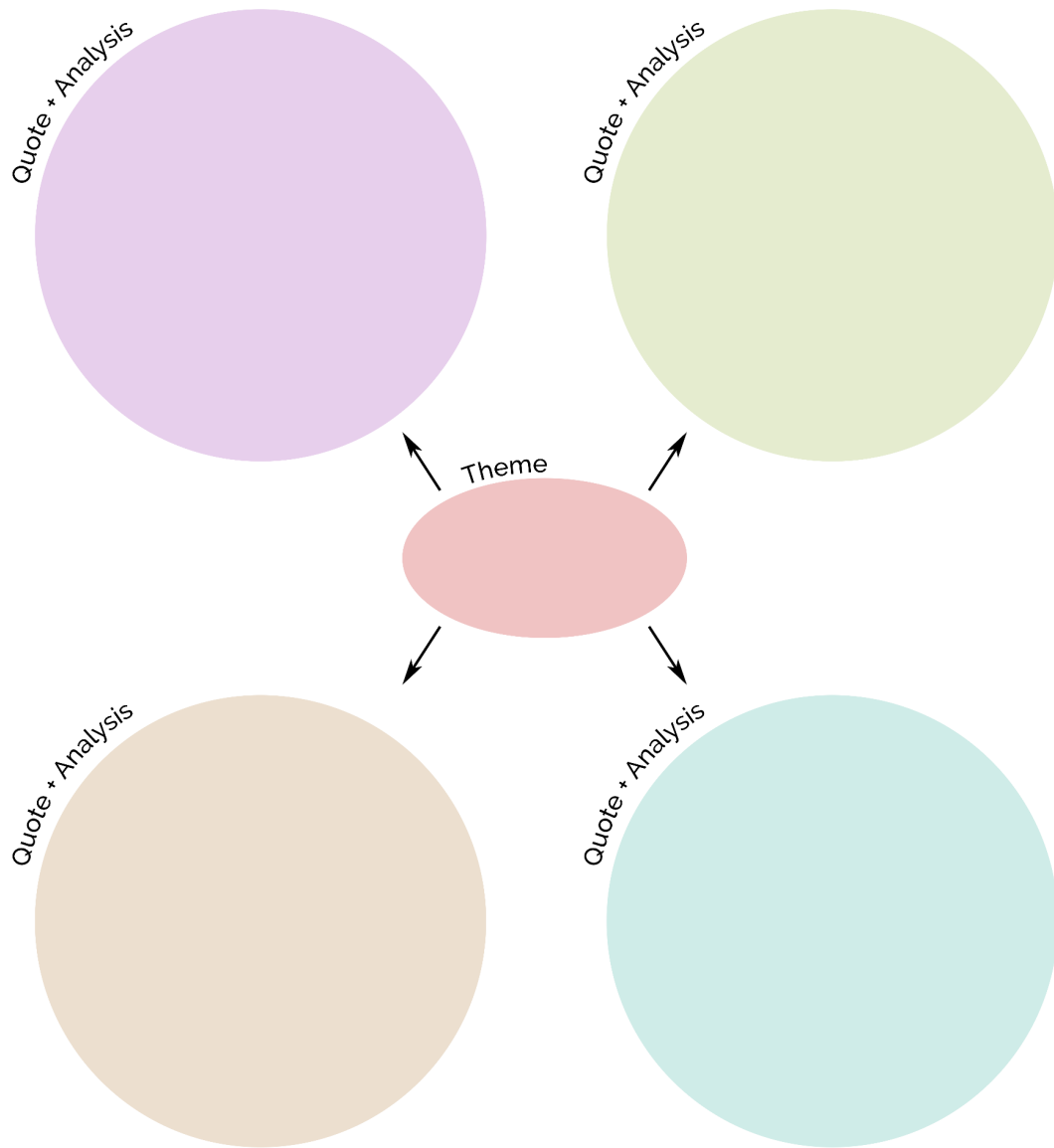
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**2a. Pick two of these themes**, then make a mind map for each by adding four separate quotations from the story that relate to them. Make short notes of analysis, explaining how and why each one relates to your theme.

- Parenting
- Education
- Youth / Innocence
- Behaviour
- Social Background
- Morality
- Time





**2b. What, in your opinion, is the author’s final message or statement about each theme that you chose?**

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**EXERCISES**

1. What is the tone of the persona of the poem?

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2. Identify and explain instances where the poet uses metaphors in this poem.

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3. In what ways does the writer achieve imagery in this poem?

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4. Do you think water is a blessing? Explore your own thoughts on the importance of water in our lives.

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5. Write a short poem of your own, entitled 'Blessing'. Describe the blessing with a range of sensory imagery.

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**PRACTICE ESSAY QUESTIONS**

1. Critically analyse the theme of poverty as brought out by Dharker in her poem ‘Blessing.’
2. To what extent do you feel sorry for the people in the poem ‘Blessing’?
3. How does Dharker explore the relationship between community and spirituality in ‘Blessing’?