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**The Wreck of the Hesperus**

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| **Text-dependent Questions** | **Evidence-based Answers** |
| What do the first five stanzas of the poem reveal to the reader? |  |
| We learn that the skipper laughed “a scornful laugh” in reaction to the sailor’s advice. *Scornful* means feeling or expressing contempt, or mocking toward a person or object considered despicable or unworthy. What can readers infer from the skipper’s response? Use evidence from the text to support your response. |  |
| What do readers learn about the daughter based on the figurative language the author uses, i.e. similes, imagery? Cite evidence to support your response. |  |
| In stanza 6 and 7 the author uses personification, similes, and imagery to describe what is happening in the sea. How does this description set up the tragedy that is about to happen? |  |
| What does the dialogue between the skipper and his daughter (in stanzas 8-12) reveal about his character and his relationship to her? |  |
| What are the father’s responses to each of his daughter’s three questions? How do his responses demonstrate his tragic flaw? |  |
| After the skipper’s daughter prays for the storm to calm, the ship moves ever closer toward the reef of Norman’s Woe. How does the language in this section of the poem affect the mood of the piece? |  |
| In the Bible, there is an account of Christ calming a storm and the waters while he and his disciples were aboard a boat in the middle of the Sea of Galilee. Why does the daughter think of Jesus Christ now? Cite evidence to support your response. |  |
| In stanza 18, to whom or what does the pronoun “she” refer? What was the author’s purpose in using this feminine pronoun? |  |
| What do the final three stanzas of the poem reveal about the consequences of the skipper’s tragic flaw of pride and foolishness? What did the fisherman see in the morning? |  |

Culminating Writing Task

* *Sometimes human flaws lead to dire and tragic consequences. In “The Wreck of the Hesperus,” how does Henry Wadsworth Longfellow illustrate this central theme? Use evidence from the text to show the tragedy of the situation that plays out as a result of the captain’s arrogance. Write a 5-paragraph analytical essay that explains the central theme of the poem. Cite specific textual evidence to support your analysis.*

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