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Monthly English SEA Worksheets

Poetry is a unique art form that can be challenging to read and understand. To fully appreciate and comprehend the beauty of poetry, it is essential to follow a few steps. They are:

1. Identify the poetic form
2. Analyze the language used
3. Focus on the imagery
4. Evaluate the tone and mood
5. Consider the poet's intentions

You can learn more about each step on the website.

Poem

Read the poem/song and answer the questions that follow.

Portrait of Trinidad

Trinidad is my land
And of it I am proud and glad.
But ah cyah understand
Why some people does talk it bad
But I know all ah dem whey runnin' dey mout
Doh know whey they talkin' bout
They will paint here black everyday
And the right things they would never say.



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Like our sportsmen
Being rated among the best
Our scholars have sit and passed every test
And put us right 'longside de rest
But they Our pitch lake is the greatest one of its kind
Our sugar and oil is really refined
So you see, friends, this is a real King Solomon's mine.

They does talk some nonsense
Me eh know whey dey doing it for
Bout so much violence
Man, yuh would swear that we fighting war
Of course we have we delinquents to face
But just like any other place
Look the things they does say bout here
Is really too much for me to bear
Because my people are daily making progress

Questions: Answer the following questions in full sentences.

1. What country does the poet belong to?
2. Name three things the poet mentioned that people should be proud of in Trinidad?
3. What is the "bad" thing people say about Trinidad?
4. Do you think the last stanza in the poem is a fact or an opinion? Explain your answer.
5. Why does the poet say that people would "*paint here black everyday*"?
6. What is the meaning of the following words:
 - a. Portrait
 - b. Refined
 - c. Delinquent
 - d. Progress



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7. Why would the poet reference to Trinidad as a “*real King Solomon’s mine*”?
8. What is the mood of this poem?
9. What do you think is the purpose of such a poem?
10. What figure of speech is use in this line “ So you see, friends, this is a real King Solomon’s mine”?