

Poetry

Read the poem then answer all the following questions.

To-day

We shall do so much in the years to come,
But what have we done to-day?
We shall give out gold in princely sum,
But what did we give to-day?
We shall lift the heart and dry the tear,
We shall plant a hope in the place of fear,
We shall speak with words of love and cheer,
But what have we done to-day?
We shall be so kind in the after while,
But what have we been to-day?
We shall bring to each lonely life a smile,
But what have we brought to-day?
We shall give to truth a grander birth,
And to steadfast faith a deeper worth,
We shall feed the hungering souls of earth,
But whom have we fed to-day?

Nixon Waterman.

1. Drawing Activity

- a. In the box below, draw a picture that represents kindness or love.



- b. What is kindness and love according to the poet?

Reflection Question:

2. Write one paragraph about one kind thing you did today or plan to do tomorrow. Include in the paragraph the impact of your action.

3. Write four synonyms and four antonyms for the following words:

WORD	SYNONYMS	ANTONYMS
Kindness	1. 2. 3. 4.	1. 2. 3. 4.
Love	1. 2. 3. 4.	1. 2. 3. 4.
Fear	1. 2. 3. 4.	1. 2. 3. 4.
Smile	1. 2. 3. 4.	1. 2. 3. 4.

Write a sentence with each word above.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

Comprehension Questions

Answer all the questions in complete sentences.

1. What are some things the poem says we will do in the future? Name at least five things.

2. What does the poem ask us to think about regarding our actions today?

3. How can we show kindness according to the poem?

4. What does the poem suggest we should prioritize over future actions?

5. What is the overall message of the poem?

6. Can you name a kind action you can do today?

4. Summary of poem.

Complete the passage below with an appropriate word from the list below.

accomplish, comfort, faith, future, generously, happiness, inspire, kindly, promote, treated

In the _____, we will _____ many great things, but what have we done right now? We will share wealth _____, but what have we shared today? We will _____ those who are sad and _____ hope where there is fear. We will speak _____ and bring joy, but what actions have we taken today? We will be kind later, but how have we _____ people today? We will bring _____ to those who are lonely, but what have we offered today? We will _____ truth and strengthen _____, and help those in need, but who have we helped today?