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Li I am learning to answer questions about a poem

1. What impression do you get of the river from the first four stanzas? Give two characteristics and justify them with evidence from the text.

The river can be described as _____. I know this because in the text it says

The river can also be described as _____. I know this because in the text it says

2. Look at stanza 5. What evidence is there that the mood of river has changed? How does this compare to the mood in the first 4 stanzas.

3. The poet uses lots of figurative language in the poem. Find and copy an example of:

personification

A simile

4. In the poem the river says, 'My lungs are clogged' and 'I know that soon I'll die'. Who or what is responsible for destroying the river? Do you think the river can recover? Explain your answer.

5. What does the simile 'limped along like an ancient aunt' imply about the river?

5. How does the poet want the reader to feel towards the end of the poem? Draw on evidence from the text to support your answer.