

WEDNESDAY: Discussion Questions. Pick one of the discussion questions. Write a paragraph 5 or more complete sentences to explain

1. In the poem, the two characters hide their blue skin from others. In your opinion, why do they hide this quality?
2. Based on your own experiences, do people in the real world feel pressured to be just like everyone else? Have you ever pretended to be a certain way in order to fit in? If so, how did you pretend?
3. How does this poem help you think about what it means to be a good friend?

THURSDAY: Read each question. Choose the best answer. Determine the skin type and the text location for each.
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1. Which statement best explains the metaphorical meaning of blue skin in the poem? SKILL _____ TEXT LOCATION _____
 - A. In the poem, only two people in the whole world have blue skin, which means that they must be soulmates.
 - B. In the poem, blue skin is such a common trait that people must wear masks in order to appear unique.
 - C. In the poem, blue skin represents a quality that people are afraid to share even though it is an important part of their identity.
 - D. In the poem, blue skin represents the sadness that people try to hide by always being polite and keeping smiles on their faces.

2. Which quote from the poem best supports the answer to Question #1? SKILL _____ TEXT LOCATION _____

- A. "She had blue skin"
- B. "kept it hid"
- C. "searched for blue"
- D. "never knew"

3. How does the illustration contribute to the meaning of the poem? SKILL _____ TEXT LOCATION _____

- A. The size of the masks in the illustration emphasizes how hard people try to hide their true selves.
- B. The simplicity of the drawing shows that being your true self is easy to do.
- C. The masks facing opposite directions in the illustration show that lying will get you nowhere.
- D. The different hairstyles in the drawing show that just because two people have blue skin doesn't mean they are alike in every way.

4. How do the last four lines help develop the message of the poem? SKILL _____ TEXT LOCATION _____
