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Extra Questions

1. What is the central idea of the poem "The Panther"?
2. Name the poet and the poem.
3. What is the rhyming scheme of the poem?
4. What does the weary glance of the panther or change to?
5. What does the poet refer the panther's concentric movement in the cage to?
6. What is the natural habitat of the panther?
7. What is the desire of the panther?
8. Why does the panther feel paralysed and useless?
9. How does the poet depicts the reality of the caged animals in his poem?
10. Who according to you is responsible for the suffering of these animals and how?

Answers

1. A) The central idea present in "The Panther" include power, civilisation versus nature and motion. Rilke uses these ^{ideas} ~~themes~~ to illustrate the situational irony at work in the text and the greater societal conversation about what occurs in the exchange between "civility" and "savagery." In doing so, the poet raises the question of what each concept actually

consists of and causes the reader to ponder who in the poem embodies which concept.

2.A) The name of the poet is "Rainer Maria Rilke" and the name of the poem is "The Panther".

3.A) The ~~re~~ rhyming scheme of the poem is abcb.

4.A) The weary glance of the panther changes to a confused and vacant stare.

5.A) The panther's concentric movement in the cage is referred to a ritual dance.

6.A) Panther's natural habitat is in the hot, dense tropical rainforests of South and Southeast Asia.

7.A) The desire of the panther is to become free of the cage and return to his natural habitat where he ~~could~~^{can} meet his family and friends.

8.A) The panther feels paralysed and useless because ~~he was~~^{he knew} that his desires will not be fulfilled and he was also tired.

9.A) The poet describes that the animals who are caged are not given food and proper care. Their dreams of meeting their families always remains a dream. They also suffer

and because of this suffering many animals die. In this way, the poet depicts the reality of the caged animals in his poem.

10A) We humans are responsible for the suffering of these animals because we hunt these animals and take them away from their families and friends and put them to a cage for our entertainment.