Name: *RL5 Review Homework* Due Friday, November 2

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| **The Rose That Grew From Concrete** *by Tupac Shakur (1999)* | |
| **[1]** Did you hear about the rose that grew from a crack  in the concrete  Proving nature's laws wrong it learned 2 walk  without having feet | **[5]** Funny it seems, but by keeping its dreams  it learned 2 breathe fresh air  Long live the rose that grew from concrete  when no one else even cared! |
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1. Why does the author include the description of the setting in lines 1-2? (Practice Test 10)

A. To emphasize that hard work can conquer any obstacle

B. To reveal how uncommon it is to become successful

C. To highlight the struggles that Tupac needed to surpass

D. To describe the ground the rose is growing out of

2. Based on the metaphor, what can the reader infer about the author? (Practice Test 26)

**Metaphor:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **Meaning:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

A. Tupac wishes he was a stronger person.

B. Tupac overcame hardship to become successful.

C. Tupac gave up easily.

D. Tupac worked hard to reach his goals.

3. Which statement expresses a theme of the poem? (Practice Test 3)

A. Hard work can overcome anything.

B. You are not defined by your circumstances.

C. Happiness can be found despite hardship.

D. Supporting others will make you successful.

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| (4-5) Select an option in each table to complete the sentence about the figurative language in the story. (IS3) | |
| 4. In the passage, the narrator shows that he... | 5. When he says... |
| A. Had an easy life  B. Loved the outdoors  C. Had support  D. Was successful | A. “it learned 2 breathe fresh air” (Line 6)  B. “when no one else even cared!”  C. “without having feet” (Line 4)  D. “from a crack in the concrete” (Lines 1-2) |

6. Read this sentence from lines 3-4. (Practice Test 23)   
**“Proving nature's laws wrong it learned 2 walk**

**without having feet.”**  
How does the author use figurative language in the sentence to contribute to the meaning of the passage?   
A. To highlight that the narrator met the expectations society had for him

B. To emphasize how obstacles kept the narrator from reaching his goals  
C. To illustrate how nature played a part in finding success  
D. To convey a sense of hardship that the narrator overcame

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| **Excerpt from “Tupac’s Legacy, 20 Years On” from *NPR Music*** |
| “You're talking about an artist who came from the people and decided that his work was going to reflect the conditions that were going on in Ame-rica during his lifetime — his short 25 years on this planet. He talks about violence, he talks about drugs, he talks about his mother's drug addiction, he talks about poverty. He talks about his own contradictions. You get vulnerability, you get an exploration of manhood from different angles, even admitting all of his many mistakes ... And so those things, that kind of honesty — which is so rare for a lot of people — made him someone who became a touchstone for folks' lives. And that's why they responded to him, and still do.” |

Draw a connection between Starr and Tupac. Are they similar or different? Explain your thinking. Respond in *at least* three full sentences. **Your writing should specifically respond to the excerpt above.** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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| **Directions:** Using the space below, create a poem that imitates the *meaning* of Tupac’s poem.   1. Your poem should have the same **theme** as Tupac. 2. Your poem should have a **metaphor**. 3. Your poem should be **original** to you. |

**Theme:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **Metaphor:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Title of Poem:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_