

Teacher Guide & Answers

Passage Reading Level: Lexile Non-Prose

1. D *the cherry tree*
2. B *a tree in the woods hung with bloom*
3. B *spring*
4. A *Now, of my threescore years and ten, / Twenty will not come again,*
5. B *Life is relatively short, so you should enjoy the world's beauty while you are able.*
6. C *not much time*
7. B *springs*
8. **Suggested answer:** *Students may answer that the speaker views the cherry tree in the spring. They may alternatively answer that the speaker views the tree both in the spring and the winter, depending on their interpretation of the poem.*
9. **Suggested answer:** *The speaker decides to go to the woodlands to see the cherry tree "hung with snow" because there isn't enough time in life to solely enjoy the cherry tree when it is flowering. This is supported by his or her claim that "fifty springs are little room" to look at things in bloom.*
10. **Suggested answer:** *Answers may vary, but should be based in the text. Students may note that the speaker appreciates and enjoys nature, hence the speaker's visit to the cherry trees. The speaker also values time and beauty dearly, speaking of fifty years as "little room" and taking whatever time is available to view beautiful things like the cherry tree.*