

“Identity” and “the lesson of the moth”

Answer the following questions in your literature notebook. Use complete sentences.

1. What does the speaker in “Identity” choose to be? What are the reasons for the choice?
2. Summarize what happens in “the lesson of the moth.”
3. In your opinion, what kind of life does the weed in “Identity” live? Give three examples to support your claim.
4. What is Archy’s attitude toward life? Support your answer with examples from the poem.
5. Noboa uses similes, which compares two things using like or as. In what ways might he think flowers are like people? What words or phrases in the poem show this idea?
6. Marquis uses imagery to create pictures that reinforce the ideas in the poem. List two images that show the type of life the moth leads.
7. According to lines 40-42 in “the lesson of the moth,” what might the moth think about human beings? Do you agree? Why or why not?
8. In what ways might the speaker in “Identity” be like moth? How is flower like archy?