

Alfred, Lord Tennyson
Ulysses
More challenging questions!

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1. Why should Ulysses, a great king, have become so bored with life? (4)
2. "An idle king,
By this still hearth, among these barren crags,
Match'd with an aged wife."
 - What do these images have in common? (4)
3. "Thro' scudding drifts the rainy Hyades
Vext the dim sea."
 - Comment on the speaker's choice of words in these lines. (4)
4. I am become a name;
For always roaming with a hungry heart"
 - Is this statement true? (4)
5. "Yet all experience is an arch wherethro'
Gleams that untravell'd world, whose margin fades
For ever and for ever when I move."
 - Explain the poet's image in your own words. (4)
6. " The deep
Moans round with many voices."
 - Comment on how the speaker's choice of words provides the reader with a deeply rich impression. (4)
7. "You and I are old;
Old age hath yet his honor and his toil.
Death closes all."
 - What very important message does the speaker propose here? (4)
8. Was it a good idea for Ulysses to leave his household gods in the care of his son, Telemachus?
Explain carefully. (4)
9. "Ulysses" is described as an epic poem.
 - What is an epic poem? Why should this poem be described as one? (4)
 - "Ulysses" also fits the category of a dramatic monologue. What is a dramatic monologue and explain how "Ulysses" is an example of one? (4)

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