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***The Tide Rises,* Group Activity**

**Analyze the title**

1. What does the title of the poem symbolize? Think about the connection that the rising and falling of the tide might have with human life. Explain your answer.

**First Stanza**

1. What can the reader tell about the traveler in the first stanza? Explain how you have come to this conclusion.
2. What is the tone of the first stanza? What words create the tone and why?

**Second Stanza**

1. What words are repeated in first two lines? What effect does this have on the poem’s mood?
2. “Footsteps on the sands of time” is a common expression referring to the passage of time. In the 2nd stanza a similar image appears. What does the image in the 2nd stanza suggest happened to the traveler? Explain your answer.
3. What words does Longfellow use to personify the sea and waves in the 2nd stanza? What effect does the personification have on the poem’s tone? Explain your answers.

**Third Stanza**

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1. What words in the 3rd stanza hint at the traveler’s fate? Explain your answer.
2. How does the image of the morning and the lively horses contrast with what might have happened to the traveler? Explain your answers.

**The Poem**

1. At the end of the poem, the tide continues to rise and fall, although the human traveler never returns. What does this contrast reveal about the relationship humans have with nature? Explain your answer.
2. In the poem the waves and the tide wash away the traveler’s footsteps. What might this symbolize about nature’s effect on mankind? Explain your answer.
3. What is the overall tone of the poem? Use evidence from the poem to support your point.

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***The Tide Rises, The Tide Falls***

1. Give a minimum 3 sentence description of your initial impression of the poem. Use examples to support your point.
2. What do you think Longfellow is saying about Nature in the poem? Give examples to support your point.
3. The Transcendentalists think that human beings can learn about themselves and about life by observing Nature. What does the nature in the poem tell human beings about life? Explain your answer.
4. Quote analysis – copy down a quote from the poem (no more than 2 lines) and explain what it means and how it ties to a theme that Longfellow is expressing through the poem.

\*Include the Paraphrasing side of The Tide Rises