
Worksheet: An Elementary School Classroom in a Slum (Stephen Spender)

IGCSE · Class 12 · English · 3 questions · 12 marks

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Q1. What does Spender mean by 'hereditary slums'? How does this phrase capture the poem's view of poverty? [2 marks]

Q2. Why does the poem suggest that the Shakespeare picture, the world map, and the Tyrolean valley on the classroom walls are a mockery rather than an inspiration for the slum children? [4 marks]

Q3. What does Spender demand from the 'governor, inspector, visitor' in the final stanza? What must real education look like, according to the poem? [6 marks]
