
Worksheet: On Killing a Tree (Gieve Patel)

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Q1. Who wrote 'On Killing a Tree' and what was his profession? *[1 mark]*

Q2. Why is a simple chop not enough to kill a tree? *[1 mark]*

Q3. Why is the root described as 'the most sensitive, hidden for years inside the earth'? *[3 marks]*

Q4. What is the effect of the poem's clinical, detached tone? *[3 marks]*

Q5. How can 'On Killing a Tree' be read both literally and symbolically? Discuss multiple interpretations. *[5 marks]*
