

Lines Composed a Few Miles Above Tintern Abbey

William Wordsworth

How does Wordsworth redefine what it means to "see" nature as he grows older?

TOTAL TIME	TUMBLETA PASSAGE LOCATION
30 minutes	Lines 68-113 - from youthful appetite to mature perception

TEACHER SETUP

Open the work in the Enhanced Reader and cue the span using the START and END anchors below.

START	Though changed, no doubt, from what I was when first
END	The guide, the guardian of my heart, and soul of all my moral being.
PASSAGE ID	sec-wordsworth-tintern-01

THE MOVE

Trace a change in perception and explain how the later perspective transforms the earlier one.

WHY THIS PASSAGE

Wordsworth contrasts youthful, bodily excitement with a mature perception shaped by thought, human suffering, and moral reflection. Nature remains powerful, but the kind of attention he gives it has changed.

MARK

Underline descriptions of youthful response. Circle language of thought, spirit, or humanity. Box the line where the poem explicitly announces what the speaker has learned.

NOTICE

- What did nature provide the younger speaker?
- What enters his perception later that was absent before?
- Why does he call nature a guide rather than merely a pleasure?

THINK

Answer provisionally: How does Wordsworth redefine what it means to "see" nature as he grows older? Choose the strongest interpretation you can defend from this passage alone.

WRITE

Write a short evidence-based response. Use at least two details from the assigned passage and explain how they support your interpretation.

CLOSE

Name the single detail that most changed or sharpened your interpretation, and say why.

STRONG ANSWER

Wordsworth moves from consuming nature as intense sensation to reading it as a source of thought and moral orientation. Maturity does not erase the earlier joy; it changes seeing into a reflective relationship between landscape, mind, and human experience.

EVIDENCE

Use one detail from the youthful description and one from the mature description.

WATCH FOR

Do not reduce the contrast to "young versus old." Explain how the quality of perception changes.

SOLO

Read independently.

SUPPORTED

Narration + highlighting.

LISTENING

Listen; same evidence task.

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READ / LISTEN TO THE ASSIGNED PASSAGE SOLO: read independently. SUPPORTED: use narration and highlighting. LISTENING: listen to the assigned passage. The question and evidence task stay the same.

1. **MARK** Underline descriptions of youthful response. Circle language of thought, spirit, or humanity. Box the line where the poem explicitly announces what the speaker has learned.
2. **NOTICE** What did nature provide the younger speaker? What enters his perception later that was absent before? Why does he call nature a guide rather than merely a pleasure?
3. **THINK** Answer provisionally: How does Wordsworth redefine what it means to "see" nature as he grows older?
4. **WRITE** Write a short response using at least two pieces of evidence from this passage.
5. **CLOSE** Name the single detail that most changed or sharpened your interpretation, and say why.