“The Chimney Sweeper: Innocence”

1. Look at the poem’s diction. Choose the three most important words in the poem and write them below. Next to each word, write why you feel it is important:
   a. ____________________________________________
   b. ____________________________________________
   c. ____________________________________________

2. Look at the poem’s subject. Complete the following sentence:
   a. This is a poem about ____________________________________________

3. Look at the poem’s tone.
   a. What is the speaker’s attitude toward the subject? ________________
   b. How do you know? ____________________________________________

4. Look for shifts in the poem. Find one place you think the poem “changes” and write down what that change is: ____________________________________________

“The Chimney Sweeper: Experience”

5. Look at the poem’s diction. Choose the three most important words in the poem and write them below. Next to each word, write why you feel it is important:
   a. ____________________________________________
   b. ____________________________________________
   c. ____________________________________________

6. Look at the poem’s subject. Complete the following sentence:
   a. This is a poem about ____________________________________________

7. Look at the poem’s tone.
   a. What is the speaker’s attitude toward the subject? ________________
   b. How do you know? ____________________________________________

8. Look for shifts in the poem. Find one place you think the poem “changes” and write down what that change is: ____________________________________________
Use the chart below to compare and contrast “The Chimney Sweeper” poems. Pay particular attention to similarities and differences in their diction, subject, tone and shifts.

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