

Response to Gather for Peace

1. What is the main idea and what supports are offered?

2. Complete the following summary frames with material from the article:

- What begins with _____ continues with _____ and ends with _____.
- If _____ then _____.
- Because _____ we _____
- _____ and _____ are similar because _____.
- _____ wanted _____ but _____ so _____.

Lies

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Telling lies to the young is wrong.
Proving to them that lies are true is wrong.
Telling them that God's in his heaven
and all's well with the world is wrong.
The young know what you mean. The young are people.
Tell them the difficulties can't be counted,
and let them see not only what will be
but see with clarity these present times.
Say obstacles exist they must encounter
sorrow happens, hardship happens.
The hell with it. Who never knew
the price of happiness will not be happy.
Forgive no error you recognize.
It will repeat itself, increase,
and afterwards our pupils
will not forgive in us what we forgave.

Response to "Lies"

1. What is the main idea of this poem?
2. What is good about what he is saying?
3. What is bad about what he is saying?
4. Do you agree with his message? Why or why not?
5. What are some examples of the types of lies he is writing about?