

“Eagle Poem” Questions

1. In the speaker’s opinion, what connections can be made through prayer?

2. Describe the setting of this poem.

3. According to the speaker, the eagle’s circular motions have a language, without words or sounds. She reflects that when “we see you” (the eagle), “[we] see ourselves.” What message is the eagle conveying about human life?

4. The poet chooses to repeat words to create a special effect. Why do you think the poet uses so much repetition?

5. What is a theme of this poem?

6. What symbolic role do circles play in the poem?