

A • Nature's first green is gold. How can green be gold? Why this particular green?

B • Her hardest hue to hold. Explain:

C • Her early leaf's a flower; /But only so an hour. Explain. Additionally, is this "hour" meant to be literal?

D • Then leaf subsides to leaf/ So Eden sank to grief: Explain. You may need to find definitions to words.

E • So dawn goes down to day/ Nothing gold can stay: Explain. Also, is this always true?

Theme... Finding theme is the same in a poem as it is in one of our other readings. It is the author's message or something we can learn. It can be written in one sentence.

5. Look at the metaphors Robert Frost uses in his poem "Nothing Gold Can Stay." What do you think the theme of this poem is? Do you think this might correlate (connect directly to) to the theme of *The Outsiders*? Why or why not?

After Reading—

6. Illustrate! What do you think this poem is about? Is it about the world? Sadness and darkness and mistakes we make that have horrible effects? A sunset? Illustrate the poem on a blank sheet of paper, with color. Use your interpretation of the poem to guide your illustration, and make it neat and nice.