

Nothing Gold Can Stay

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Nature's first green is gold,

Her hardest hue to hold.

Her early leaf's a flower;

But only so an hour.

Then leaf subsides to leaf.

So Eden sank to grief,

So dawn goes down to day.

Nothing gold can stay.

Read the poem above and annotate. Clarify difficult words, analyze metaphors, paraphrase lines so they make sense to you. Then, using the information on Poetry Worksheet #1, follow the directions listed below. Then answer the question on the back of this paper.

Underline the metaphors in this poem.

Circle the alliterative words.

Put brackets around the hyperbole.

Finish this personification equation: Nature = _____

1. This poem from chapter 5 of *The Outsiders* is symbolic. How is it symbolic based on what you've read; could it be a symbol of something to come? Be specific and use textual evidence (from the poem) to support your answer.
2. What does "gold" represent?
3. Explain the allusion to Eden.