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POEM- MIRROR

REFERENCE TO CONTEXT

1. I am silver and exact. I have no preconceptions.

Whatever I see I swallow immediately
Just as it is, unmisted by love or dislike.

- a. What does 'I' refer to here?
- b. What does the poet mean when she says the mirror has no preconceptions?

Ans-a. 'I' refers to the mirror.

b. The poet means that the mirror is unbiased and reflects the truth.

2. A woman bends over me

Searching my reaches for what she really is.

Then she turned to those liars, the candles or the moon.

- a. What is the woman bending over?
- b. Why have the candles and the moon been called "liars"?

Ans. a. The woman is bending over the mirror.

B. It is because the candles and the moon hide the blemishes of the woman and make her look beautiful.

Ques/Ans

1. Why does the mirror appear to be a lake?

Ans. The mirror appears to be a lake because it reflects an image in the same manner as it is reflected in the clear water of the lake.

2. What is the woman searching for in the depths of the lake?

Ans. The woman has become old and she is trying to look her lost beauty in the depths of the lake.

3. What lesson does the poem "Mirror" convey?

Ans. The poem conveys the lesson that we should accept the reality of life happily. The mirror always gives an exact image of whatever appears before it. It shows only the truth.