

2. What comparisons are used to describe each of the following?
 - a. a dissatisfying, unfulfilling life
 - b. our heartbeats
 - c. life as a temporary sojourn
 - d. the example of our lives
 - e. a person discouraged by misfortune
3. The poem also describes many things by saying what they are *not*. List them as follows.
 - a. what things are in reality
 - b. what the goal of life is
 - c. what our destined lot is (two things)
 - d. what we should be like
 - e. what we should trust
4. Copy the lines that are based on these Scriptures.
 - a. Matthew 8:22
 - b. Genesis 3:19
5. Why should we not trust in the future? Why should we leave the past in the past? (See James 4:13-15 and Ezekiel 33:13-16 for a few ideas.)
6. The last stanza urges us to exercise a number of worthwhile qualities. Write the letters from *a* to *d* in a column, one for each line of the stanza. Beside each letter, write the phrase from below that best names the qualities suggested in that line.
 - serenity and resignation
 - industry and patience
 - perseverance and determination
 - alertness and busyness