



## Response Questions for “Dharma” by Billy Collins

Name(s):

*Please respond to the following questions in complete sentences.*

1. What do you think the **theme** or underlying message is? Explain.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. Do you think the narrator admires his or her dog? Why or why not? Provide examples.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. How is **personification** being used in this poem? Describe.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
4. Define three unknown words from the poem and write the sentence you found them in. You may use your personal device or a computer for research purposes.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
5. Research who Thoreau and Gandhi are and write what you find below (cite your source). Why do you think the author includes them in this poem? You may use your personal device or a computer for research purposes.