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***Letters to a Young Poet* and “Initiation”**

Lesson 4 – First Read Through

Directions: Examine the sections of “Initiation” noted below and provide text-based responses to the questions that follow each section. Please answer in complete sentences. You will need to refer back to the full text to read the whole section being referenced.

Read paragraph 1.

1. What **mood** is created in the opening paragraph? What specific words, phrases, and details contribute to the image of this environment? What would Rilke think of this place?

2. What time of year is it? With what is this season associated?

Read paragraph 2.

3. What is the **mood** in the second paragraph? What specific words, phrases, and details help to create the **mood**?

4. What is the purpose of **juxtaposing** these two paragraphs?

Read paragraphs 3-4.

5. What is the situation at the beginning of the story? What **conflicts** are hinted at?

Complete the Lesson 4 Quick Write before reading any more text.