

Read the poem and then do these exercises to check your understanding.

1. Check your understanding: true or false

Circle *True* or *False* for these sentences.

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| 1. | Lots of people were at the lake. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 2. | The child died in the water. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 3. | The poet's mother saved the child. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 4. | Her mother was richly dressed. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 5. | The people watching the scene shouted. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 6. | The child came alive after receiving the kiss of life. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 7. | The child's parents were happy to see her. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 8. | The poet remembers the incident clearly. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |

2. Check your vocabulary: gap fill

Read Cold Knap Lake again and complete the gaps with a word from the box.

webs

troubled

whistle

fingers

mud

- Was I there?
Or is that _____ surface something else
- shadowy under the dipped _____ of willows
- where satiny _____ blooms in cloudiness
- after the treading, heavy _____ of swans
- as their wings beat and _____ on the air?

Discussion

Did you like reading Cold Knap Lake? How did it make you feel?

What are your oldest memories?

Do you have a good memory?