



## A.E. Housman's "To an Athlete Dying Young"

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

*Guiding Question: How does Housman present death in this poem?*

| Question  | Group Response | Related Questions for Full Class Discussion |
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| Who is the speaker/ persona of the poem?  |                |   |
| Who is the "you" in the first stanza?   |                |   |
| What is the "road all runners come" in stanza two?                                  |                |   |
| Why does the speaker call the "you" a "smart lad" at the beginning of stanza three? |                |   |
| For what is the "shady night" a metaphor in stanza four?                            |                |   |
| How do you define "rout" in stanza five by its context?                             |                |   |
| How can you paraphrase stanza five? What is the meaning of this stanza?             |                |   |
| How can you paraphrase stanza six? What is the meaning of this stanza?              |                |   |
| What is the importance of the word "unwithered" in the last stanza?                 |                |   |
| How does Housman present death in this poem?  |                |   |
| What is Housman's tone or attitude toward death?                                    |                |   |