

To An Athlete Dying Young

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Version 1.0 for Windows PC and Mac OS X

Introduce your students to A. E. Housman's cynical popular poem, *To An Athlete Dying Young* using this unique computer program.

Lesson Plan

- ? Introduce the poem and author to your classes.
- ? Read the poem in class, discussing details of events and characterization.
- ? Have students use the program *To An Athlete Dying Young* on your classroom or lab computers. Students can work in pairs or individually to answer the questions – reinforcing their reading of the poem. Students should not be allowed to have a copy of the poem available when using the program, since it is available on a play basis.

No need to install the program on your computer. If you are using the Windows PC version or Mac OS X version, simply copy the file to your Windows desktop, double click and you are up and running.

Students should click the Get Question button to get started. Each time the button is clicked a new question appears. There are 32 questions in all. Students will not be able to select a new questions until the current question has been answered – all questions are sequentially organized according to the poem.



Each correct answer garners the students 10 points out of 320 total. If students cannot answer the questions from memory, they have the “clueless” option. If they click the button they will get to see the poem to review it for their answer, but it will cost them 5 points, each time they use the “clueless” option.

IMPORTANT: Even with the poem visible students must think carefully about their answer. The program is looking for a key word or phrase and if the students don't give that word or phrase exactly as in the poem, the answer is considered incorrect. Students may enter what they think is the word or phrase or include it in a sentence. They only have 36 characters to work with, so they must choose their words carefully.

When the students have completed all 32 of the questions, the program will close. If you wish to consider the point accumulation as a grade (curriculum or extra credit), you should record the information before the program closes.

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