

Themes At Twilight Answer Key

Q1. Possible Theme Statements:

- The poem's theme is about the **enduring strength of memory and connection across time**.
- Another acceptable theme: Even as life changes and time passes, **faithful structures and bonds can guide us forward**.

Q2. Supporting lines:

- *"Each step echoes like a memory."* (memory and continuity)
- *"Though shadows lengthen, the bridge still stands."* (endurance and guidance)

Q3. Extension:

- The theme applies today by reminding us that **relationships, traditions, or history can guide us through difficult times, just like the bridge guides travelers through the dusk**.

Teacher Notes:

- Accept a variety of student responses as long as they are supported by lines from the poem.
- Reinforce that a **theme is not just the topic** (e.g., "bridges" or "time"), but the deeper **message or life lesson**.
- Encourage discussion to show that different interpretations can still be valid if evidence supports them.
- Extension idea: Have students write a short paragraph connecting the poem's theme to a personal experience.