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T: understand a poem

- 1) What was the name of the play that Matilda's Aunt went to see?
- 2) Did lots of fire engines come to Matilda's house or only a couple? Explain your answer (use because).
- 3) Did Matilda's Aunt lie when she was a child? Explain your answer (use because).
- 4) Why were the fire fighters' 'Hearts a-glow'?
- 5) Do you think Matilda lived on the ground floor?
- 6) Was Matilda's Aunt wealthy? Explain your answer (use because).
- 7) If you were to split the poem into two verses, which two lines would you split it between?
- 8) What has the author done with some words to encourage you to read those words with emphasis? Give two examples.
- 9) Give a synonym (word that means the same thing) for 'Bawl'.
- 10) Find and copy a line with a semi-colon and a line with a hyphen.
- 11) Do you think Hilaire Belloc would really like to see all lying children be burnt to death? Explain your answer (use because).
- 12) How are poem and the story of 'The Boy Who Cried Wolf' similar?
- 13) Which two lines of the poem would be different if it was set in a different city?
- 14) Why might Matilda have had to go and live with her Aunt?

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- 1) The Second Mrs Tanqueray (AF2)
- 2) Lots because they were 'pouring in on every hand' and came from three different places (AF3)
- 3) No because 'from her Earliest Youth' she had 'kept a strict regard for the truth' (AF3)
- 4) Because they were happy to be going to fight a fire (AF3)
- 5) No because she would have been able to jump out of the building if she lived on the ground floor (AF3)
- 6) She was wealthy because she lived in a Ball Room / large house (AF3)
- 7) Between line 30 (To get the Men to go away!) and line 31 (It happened that a few weeks later) because there is a break of a few weeks between these lines / line 30 is the end of the first part of the poem where Matilda lies (AF4)
- 8) Given them capital letters. Any example that is not a word from the start of a line or a name (AF4)
- 9) Howl / wail / roar / bellow / cry / shout (AF5)
- 10) It made one Gasp and Stretch one's eyes;
In showing them they were not needed;
That night a Fire did break out -
To People passing in the Street -
Their confidence)-but all in vain (AF5)
- 11) No, because she just wrote this poem to teach children not to lie (AF6)
- 12) In both stories the character who lies about a danger ends up dying because of their lie (AF7)
- 13) 'Of London's Noble Fire Brigade' and 'From Putney, Hackney Downs and Bow' because these are places in London (AF7)
- 14) Because her parents had died / moved away / were too poor to look after her (AF7)