

## Ode on Solitude, by Alexander Pope

1. What is the rhyme scheme of this poem? \_\_\_\_\_

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2. The poet pairs solitude (being alone) with the farming life. What does the farm provide for the man in the poem?

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3. What are some of the benefits of being alone and living alone, according to this poem?

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4. Say the poem out loud. Why do you think the poet made the fourth line in each stanza so short? What effect does that have on the way it sounds? How does this contribute to the overall message of the poem?

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5. Dying alone is usually thought of as a sad and pathetic circumstance. Does this poet think dying alone is sad?

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