

1. The chimney sweeper tells us about his own life in verse one. In your own words explain exactly what has happened to him. (2)
2. In the last line of verse one, the poet uses the word 'your' to describe the chimneys. What effect does this have on the reader? (2)
3. Explain why Tom Dacre was crying and why he stopped. (2)
4. The poet tells us that Tom Dacre had hair which 'curled like a lamb's back'. What does this comparison suggest about Tom, apart from the fact that he had curly hair? (2)
5. How does the poet convey the hardships of being a child chimney sweeper? You should give evidence from the poem to illustrate your ideas. (6)
6. What is the significance of Tom's dream? Refer closely to the poem in your answer. (4)
7. Comment on the last line of the poem. (2)
8. Explain how William Blake uses language in the poem to encourage us to criticise those who make children sweep chimneys. (5)

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