

Student Worksheet: Is life a journey, or something else?

Part 1. Vocabulary

Write a brief definition for each word or phrase.

1. physical universe
2. necessity
3. playful
4. destination
5. an analogy
6. composer
7. the whole point
8. a racket
9. a quota
10. to rot
11. senior citizens' community

Part 2. Comprehension

Before writing, brainstorm the answers to these questions.

1. Why is the universe playful?
2. How is music different from travel?
3. Summarize the speaker's description of the way education works.
4. The speaker talks about A THING many times. What is THE THING?
5. What does he mean when he says, "I've arrived"?
6. What does he mean when he says, "We simply cheated ourselves the whole way down the line"?
7. Explain the meaning of this sentence: "It was a musical thing, and you were supposed to sing or to dance while the music was being played."
8. In that sentence, what is THE MUSIC?
9. The speaker describes two different analogies. What are they?