

Name:  
Period:

## The Outsiders: Read to Understand Chapter 5: Allusion

*Allusion: reference to a literary work or historical place or event in piece of literature.*

In chapter 5, Ponyboy recites a poem by Robert Frost to Johnny. This has meaning to both boys. Mark the poem to show figurative language: words or phrases that stand for ideas.

Nothing Gold Can Stay  
By Robert Frost

*Nature's first green is gold,  
Her hardest hue to hold.  
Her early leaf's a flower.  
But only so an hour.  
Then leaf subsides to leaf.  
So Eden sank to grief,  
So dawn goes down to day.  
Nothing gold can stay.*

Subject: What is the poem about?

---

---

Theme: What is the poem's meaning or message?: \_\_\_\_\_

---

Tone: What is the author's attitude toward the subject?

---

---

Allusion: What are the allusions in this poem?

---

Name:  
Period:

---

---

---

---

---

Nothing Gold Can Stay  
By Robert Frost

*Nature's first green is gold,  
Her hardest hue to hold.  
Her early leaf's a flower.  
But only so an hour.  
Then leaf subsides to leaf.  
So Eden sank to grief,  
So dawn goes down to day.  
Nothing gold can stay.*

Second read: Read the poem again and discuss what each of the following metaphors actually mean or refer to. *Hint: the first flush of vegetation for the New England birch and the willow is not green but the haze of delicate gold.*

Green and gold metaphor:

Leaf's a flower metaphor:

Only an hour:

Leaf subsides to leaf:

Eden sank to grief:

Name:  
Period:

Dawn goes down to day (discuss why to day is split into two words):

Nothing gold can stay:

Nothing Gold Can Stay  
By Robert Frost

*Nature's first green is gold,  
Her hardest hue to hold.  
Her early leaf's a flower.  
But only so an hour.  
Then leaf subsides to leaf.  
So Eden sank to grief,  
So dawn goes down to day.  
Nothing gold can stay.*

Third read: What was Robert Frost really trying to explain to his audience? Minimum three paragraphs fully explaining using all the evidence you and your partners have discussed and discovered. Make sure you quote the lines you use and cite the poem by Robert Frost. Use your Language book if you aren't sure how to cite something.

Name:  
Period: