

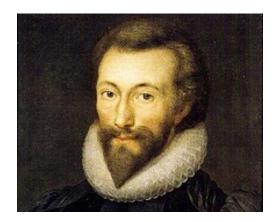
Poem #1

"No Man Is an Island" by John Donne

No man is an island, entire of itself; every man is a piece of the continent, a part of the main.

If a clod be washed away by the sea, Europe is the less, as well as if a promontory were, as well as if a manor of thy friend's or of thine own were.

Any man's death diminishes me, because I am involved in mankind; and therefore never send to know for whom the bell tolls; it tolls for thee.



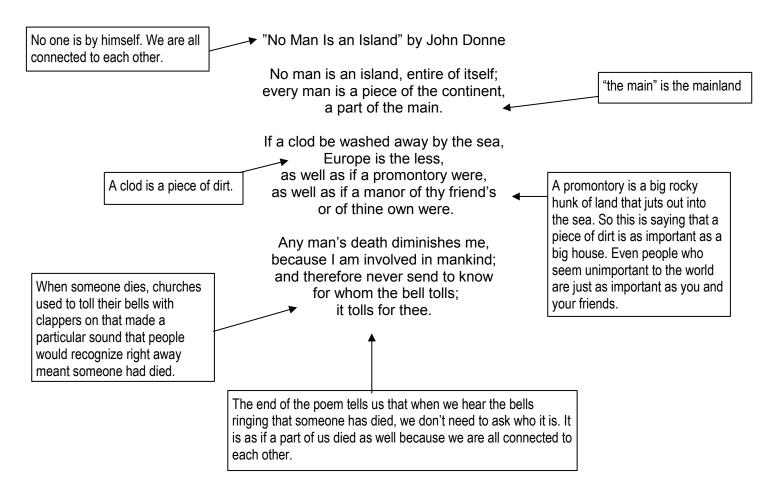
In this poem, John Donne explores the idea of the connectedness of people. People are not isolated islands. We are all a part of a larger thing, and if one person dies, everyone is affected.

Although this poem does not have a strong rhyme scheme, it is short and easy to memorize.



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Taking it apart



Although it seems like a sad poem when you first read it, understanding the idea of it – that we are all connected and important – can help you be more concerned about other people. When something happens on the other side of the world, it still affects you. If you feel sad or happy about something that doesn't really seem related to you, this poem explains why that is okay. It's okay to be interested in people you don't know. It's okay to be concerned about people you've never met. You are a part of mankind.





Memorizing it

Can you fill in the next word?

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Memorizing it

Can you give the next line? The first letter is given to you.

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