

Poetry 4 'Afternoons'

Learning Outcome: You will be able to analyse the themes and ideas in the poem

This is the title of our next poem

‘Afternoons’

By Philip Larkin

- What does this title mean to you?
- How could it link to your previous learning about ‘To Autumn’?

One of the themes in this poem is
marriage

- What do the following images tell you about marriage?







How to Decrease Your Risk of Divorce



-30% risk

if you earn over \$100,000 annually



-25% risk

if you have graduated college



-24% risk

if you have a baby 7 months into a marriage

25+



-24% risk

if you marry over 25 years of age



-14% risk

if your parents are still together



-14% risk

if you have a religious affiliation































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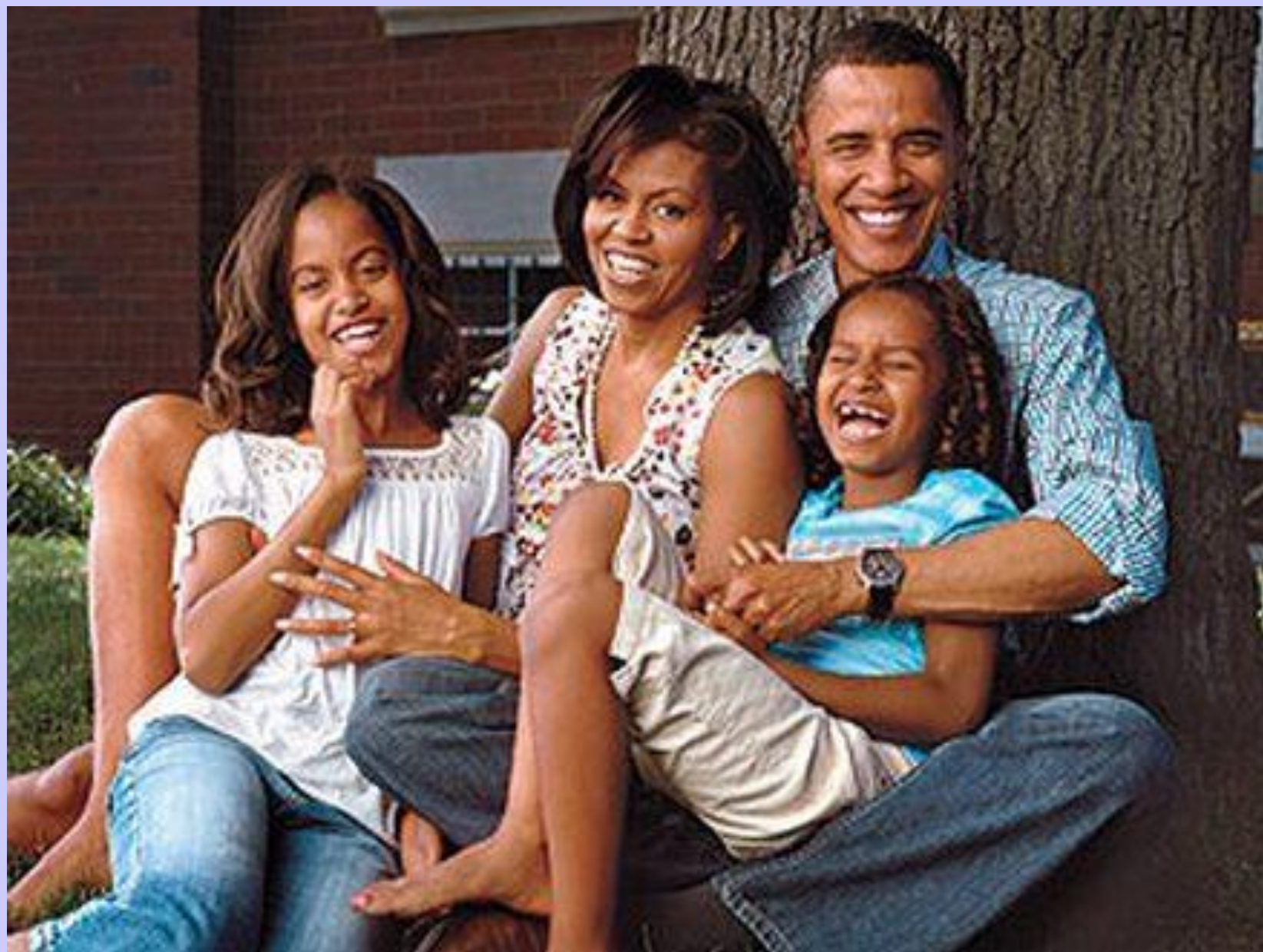


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Poem first read

‘Afternoons’ by Philip Larkin

- Underline any words or phrases you don’t understand.
- Try to figure out what the words mean with the person next to you.
- Annotate your copy of the poem with a note to help you when you come back to it.

‘Afternoons’

- What do you know about the women in the poem? What words tell you the answers?
 1. How old do you think they are?
 2. Where do they live?
 3. Where do they work?
 4. What stage of their lives does the poet think they are at?
 5. Does the poet portray them in a positive or negative way?

Thematic ‘food for thought’

1. The poem implies that marriage is a great thing
2. The poem implies that one parent should stay at home and the other go to work.
3. The poem implies that marriage means the end of freedom
4. The poem implies that women love taking care of their children
5. The poem implies that the ‘afternoons’ are the best times in your life

Do you agree?

Afternoons – Themes

What do you think this poem
implies about marriage?

Plenary – make links between the clip and the poem

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