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Passage: The Atoms of Sound

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Theme is the central idea of a literary text. Analyze the development of a common theme in "The Atoms of Sound." Write a well-organized, structured response using specific evidence from the poem to support your answer.

Writer's Checklist

The theme to this poem is that there are sounds all around you, doing their jobs and constantly being a part of life, "The house is full of sounds: the television turned up; chit chat on the telephone; my baby brother wailing, red fists clenched furiously." This quote shows how sounds in life are common and every where, creating the world we hear and even see around us.

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The theme is that sound is an aspect of our world that is very fundamental, but is often ignored because of so many distractions. It shows this in the beginning, during the day where everything is loud and almost chaotic. Then there is the transition to night where the speaker can notice very small sounds that would not be noticeable during the day, saying that they can "hear the watch counting off" and the footsteps of his mother. The author also says that only when everything is peeled away that these small sounds can be noticed, even though they happen so constantly. Overall, the author does a solid job of developing and describing the theme throughout the text.

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In every day life sound is everywhere. But some people live life too quickly and worry to much about work that they forget how complex and comforting sound really is. The narator feels that sound is an amazing thing but people just go about their day ignoring it. The author discribes that even though times might seem quiet "All those little sounds are always there, doing their jobs." The author dicribes sounds like art. the author says that "they are the thin wooden easel in the artist's workshop." This quote from the passage discribes the bueauty of sound and how it relates to art. Sound is everrywhere but it is your choice to hear it.

In the passage "The Atoms of Sound" the narator is begining to see just how important sound is. He/she is intrested in sound and pays close attention to hear every chirp of sound that is omited from the atmosphere around him/her. The narator not only compares sound to art but the nature around it. He/she explains the change of sound "as the sun sets" and "a blanket of darkness settles." The narator discribes the sound of nothing, silence the only thing he/she can hear is their "watch counting off the seconds, eating away at time."

There is always sound but it is your choice to hear it. The author discribes that "these little noises are fundamental, that they are the minuscule atoms of sound." It is amzing how complex little atoms can create something as great as sound. By reading this passage it makes the reader think about sound in a new way, and wonder what intresting sounds they have missed.

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Have you ever been unable to sleep, so you just lie and listen to all the noises around you? The poem compares and contrasts the loud obnoxious "cacophony" of day and the more abstruse and obscure sounds of night. "The Atoms of Sound" tells of all the sounds you might not pay any attention to.

"When I arrive home from school, my two dogs bark wildly at me, their long claws clicking the floor," and "the television is turned up; chitchat on the telephone; my baby brother wailing," this tells how after a long day at school, the speaker is attacked by the persistently hostile sounds of the house. They all seem to take the form of one big harassing noise. "All these sounds mix together in a jumbled cacophony like an overturned bucket of bells."

"As the sun sets, a blanket of darkness settles; the sounds of the house change." This quote from the passage suggests that night is very comforting. The author used the metaphor "a blanket of darkness settles" because a blanket gives a sense of comfort and safety. "The television hushed hours ago, and the once-noisy devices charge, inaudible now." The constant annoyance by the electronics from before has since disappeared. "My brother's quiet, even breaths mark off the movements of the moon outside my window." His brother is no longer squealing with rage, but is now fast asleep.

"I can hear my watch counting off the seconds, eating away at time like a quiet wave nibbling at the sand." Before, he paid no attention to the minute noise of the watch. It's the same watch, just drastically different background. "I eavesdrop as the house shifts and settles, a creak from the wall, the squeaking of a nail as the wood expands and contracts." The house is now so peaceful, the speaker can hear sounds one can only hope to hear over the drowning noises of day. "I overhear the footsteps of my mother in the hallway, bare feet on padded carpet. I can hear her heel pressing down and then her toes, the creasing of her denim jeans." It is now so incomprehensibly quiet, that the speaker can hear how his mom is walking. Heel first, then the toes. The speaker can even hear the creasing of his mom's jeans.

"All those little sounds are always there, doing their jobs." Even if you don't hear them, those sounds are always there. "It's only when everything is peeled away," you have to really try to listen, and when your brain finally breaks that barrier, that when you can finally hear "the minuscule atoms of sound."

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In, "The Atoms of Sound", the most common theme is the small sounds that life creates that we easily just pass by, unknowingly. That we are not as observant, but we are more unaware of our surroundings. That if you just take a moment and listen in a house or in your backyard, some of the noises, once you notice, are and I quote, "These little noises, are fundamental, that they are the minuscule atoms of sound."

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"The Atoms of Sound." What a wonderful poem about all the sounds in life! The ones that keep you up at night, the ones you don't really notice, and the ones you take for granted! I feel like the theme of this poem was to describe that sounds are all around you, that they are "fundamental", and that most people just ignore them. This poem showed me that people don't notice all the little sounds that make up your day, whether they be too busy or just not focused! And that no one takes time out of their day to listen to all of them, complex or simple. For example, watches ticking down the time, or people's heels pressing down, or even the breath of someone! No one would really listen to those sounds because they are so faint. This poem showed me that if you just listen closely, you will be amazed at how many sounds surround you.

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I think that the development of the theme of "The Atoms of Sound" is observation, because of how observant the speaker is through the passage.

What helps me understand how the theme is observation is by how the speaker emphasizes the different situations going on in his/her house. For instance, in the first stanza the speaker talks about when he/she arrives at home from school the dogs start to bark. Although, yes, they are barking, the speaker emphasizes how they bark wildly instead of just plain bark. He/she also adds how the dogs long claws click on the floor and how their fur are like "thick coats exhaling a steamy, summer storm." You can see how the speaker adds detail to how the dogs act when he gets home.

Another situation is in the second stanza at line eleven where the speaker talks about his/her baby brother crying, and just like the detail about the dogs barking, the speaker uses the word wailing instead of crying to show how a better characteristic of how the baby is crying. He/she also includes how their baby brother's fists are clenched tightly together to show how uncomfortable the baby must be.

A third and final way that the speaker was very observant about what was going on in the house was the different similes that were used through the passage. One example is in fourth stanza around line thirty where the speaker says, "I can hear my watch counting off the seconds, eating away at time like a quiet wave nibbling at sand." At this point you can see the speaker is indicating that the as the watch is counting the seconds passing by that it almost like a wave nibbling on sand showing that he/she is giving the quiet wave a human characteristic of nibbling or eating sand.

As you can see the speaker emphasizes different situations, and uses similes and details to help show that the development of the theme of "The Atoms of Sound," is observation.

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In the story "The Atoms of Sound" there's more than one big theme. Those themes are, without sound life would be boring and lifeless and sometimes you just need to sit and listen to the small sounds in life. The whole beginning of the story tells about the frantic sounds like "My two dogs bark wildly, happy to see me, their long claws clicking on the floor" It makes sound seem so busy that it can't be calmed down but then once night comes it slows down and the person can focus on the minuscule sounds of the night. It tells of things like "I can hear my watch counting off the seconds, eating away at time". The whole story goes on like that and it is very good to read and think about all the little things you don't ever think about.

We can all relate to getting home from school and having your furry friend greet you at the door wagging it's tail like crazy and maybe even barking at you. Its things like this in the story that makes the theme that much more interesting. The story is very relatable to all of us. Have you ever sat up at night and just listened to the sounds of your house like the person in the story did? You wonder how you don't hear those sounds in the day, when "The house shifts and settles, a creak from the wall, the squeaking of a nail as the wood expands and contracts." This story makes us realize how much we miss in our every day life.

We miss a lot of the beautiful sounds in our lives all because of the technology in our lives like "The television turned up." We all have phones and anymore we all have our noses buried so deep in our phones that we can't even hear our moms calling for us over the "chitchat on the telephone" When we all have a sibling or a cousin going through their baby phase we can't hear anything over the "Baby brother wailing". All of these sounds make us forget about the beauty of just sitting there and listening to the small sounds. I think the small sounds are the most beautiful. That's why we have to make time to listen to all the small sounds.

When you listen to a band or a favorite song do you ever try to pick out the individual instruments or singers you like? I have and it's very hard but once you catch even "The quiet click of a drum in the background of your favorite song." You never forget it and hear it every time you listen to that song. It's the little things like that, that once "Everything is peeled away," you enjoy it that much more. I like to do just what the theme of this story is and pick the little sounds out of everything and not forget them.

I really love the themes of this story. I can't imagine having a life without sound. I love listening to the birds in the woods or my favorite song before I go play a sport. Then there's all the little small sounds that I might love more than the song itself. I love to think about how all "these little noises are fundamental that they are the minuscule atoms of sound." Just as the story said the sounds will always be there we just have to open our ears, get our noses out of our devices and focus on listening to "The Atoms of Sound"

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I think the author slowly gives hints to what the theme is throughout the poem. The theme of the poem to me is; although sounds may seem tiny and unimportant, they make up a big part of everyday life.

Atoms are tiny molecules that make up something bigger. In each stanza the author gives tiny little details about the sounds in his daily life

(the atoms). I see the details as atoms because they make up a part of something bigger (his day). I think the author also sees all the sounds making up something bigger. I think all the little sounds make one big sound. Hence the title, "The Atoms of Sound." Therefore, the details like the claws of his dogs and his brother's breaths make up his day. All the little noises make up bigger sound.

The author develops the theme slowly but surely. For example, he starts out with the sounds he experiences when he gets home from school. He then explains all the sounds he hears as his day goes on, like the TV and his younger brother. He goes on and gives sounds of the night, such as how the TV no longer makes any noise, and how his brother is silent. He goes on explaining his day and all the sounds within it. At the end of the passage, he says "these little noises are fundamental, that they are the minuscule atoms of sound." Which means, as I stated, all the tiny noises he experienced over the day are the atoms, and they all make up a bigger thing: sound.

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The Atoms of Sound, even the name explains it, it's based on sounds. Sounds are everywhere and we hear them all the time. "All those little sounds are always there, doing their jobs." They don't stop even when we do. They do their job day and night. We barely notice but they are always there waiting for us to hear them.

Everyone one should read "The Atoms of Sound", It shows that sounds will never stop. Sounds will always be everywhere we go. It shows the reader what it feels like to just think about sounds. Sounds aren't appreciated enough by us. We don't realize how important they are. "The Atoms of Sounds", shows people that they need to.

Sounds have jobs. Humans have jobs. Who's job is more important? Well, you see, they're both equally important. With out sounds some people wouldn't be able to have a job. Most jobs need to have sounds in order to function.

"The artist's workshop... extras on a movie set... quiet click of a drum..", all examples of sounds we hear. We hear everything, but do we notice them? No most don't, most people ignore sounds. Although, we here a lot of sounds, we tend to ignore them. We do hear them though.

"I overhear the footsteps of my mother," we sometimes hear things that we don't mean to hear. Sounds are very important. How else would we communicate? What if sounds didn't do their jobs? What a terrible thing that would be.

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To start the atoms of sound is about a poem that talks about all different natural kinds of sounds. The poem talks about how when he gets home from school he can hear his dogs barking, and also how he can hear his mothers footsteps in the hallway. This poem uses a lot of figurative language such as the dogs sleeping and there pink tongues dangling out of there mouth like thick ribbons. All these sounds are sounds that you hear and see and smell in your everyday life even if you dont realize the sounds they have talked about in this poem. A simile in this poem is I can hear my watch counting off the seconds, eating away at time like a quiet wave nibbling at the sand. In conclusion this poem had a lot of figurative language also had a lot of sounds you didn't notice in your everyday life.

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Do you ever stop to listen to your house? Do you hear all of its creaks and groans? All houses make these noises. If you just take a minute to listen to them you might find the sounds relaxing.

When you get home from school in the late afternoon you might hear the usual things. Your "dogs barking wildly, happy to see you, their long claws clicking the floor". You might also hear "the television turned up", "chitchat on the telephone", and perhaps your "baby brother wailing". "All these sounds mix together in a jumbled cacophony like an overturned bucket of bells." It can make it hard to be able to hear anything over all the noise surrounding you.

"As the sun sets, a blanket of darkness settles; the sounds of the house change." The dogs that were "barking wildly" hours ago "are sleeping, their tongues dangling out of the side of their mouths like thick ribbons." The television that was turned up high was "hushed hours ago". "And the once-noisy devices charge, inaudible now." You "can hear my watch counting off the seconds, eating away at the time like a quiet wave nibbling at the sand." Your house makes noises too. "I eavesdrop as the house shifts and settles, a creak from the wall, the squeaking of a nail as the wood expands and contracts."

"All of those little sounds are always there, doing their jobs." Every last one of them has a job to do. "They are the thin wooden easel in the artist's workshop, the extras on a movie set, the quiet click of a drum in the background of your favorite song." Some may be little but they are all important. "It's only when everything is peeled away, when the curtain fall on the loud sounds of industry and progress, that you realize these little noises are fundamental, that they are the minuscule atoms of sound."

Some of the noises you hear are small, but they all play a roll. "Little sounds are always there, doing their jobs." If you stop and listen to them you might find them quite relaxing.

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The theme of the poem "Atoms of Sound" is actually very simple. I think what the author was trying to say was that people need to focus on the little things. The author gave this poem the title of "The Atoms of Sound" because atoms are very small. I think he wants us to focus on how important sound actually is. We take sound for granted and people who are deaf do not get the luxury of being able to hear the things we do.

The author is also trying to say that you can not stop time. On line's 29 and 30 he says, "I can hear my watch counting off the seconds, eating away at time." I think he added this part to show that you need to cherish the things you have now because in just a few seconds it could all be gone.

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To me, this story had one main theme or central idea. The one theme would be that sounds are everywhere, and a huge part to your everyday life. This whole poem revolved around how sounds make up his daily life. Yet, there are many little ideas that come together to make the main, central idea. In the beginning, straight when the author walks into their house, their two dogs are barking and their long claws are clicking on the floor. This indicates that every second there is some type of sound. The author also indicates his house is extremely busy, mentioning "the house is full of sounds" and the entire stanza from lines 8 to 16. Sounds are apart of our everyday life, everything we see or do makes sound. While saying this, you learn the author is very observant. Not only does he talk about the loud sounds, he is aware of the tiny ones too. It's almost as if he hears every sound. The creaks in the floor board, the tiny breaths of his brother, the soft padding of his mother's feet, those are all examples of most tiny sounds that would go unnoticed by someone who wasn't observant. Finally, the last thing to make up the central idea were his thoughts on time and how sound made up everything we do. The story goes from day to night, and he is very observant of his surroundings too. He talks about how his watch is constantly ticking, eating time away. Not only does he recognize his surroundings and how fast time can go by, but also incorporates sound with time. Then, on the sound part, the author says, "All those little sounds are always there, doing their jobs." He recognizes that not only are the big sounds important, but they are all there and made up because of little sounds. The author also refers to small sounds as "extra's on a movie set." The author compares sounds to many things, making the reference that sound is in our everyday life, and that it is almost a form of art.

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"The Atoms of Sound" poem shows that every tiny little thing we hear is important. "All those little sounds are always there doing their jobs." These sounds are the simple things that we never think about. Like footsteps around the house. The author uses "bare feet on padded carpet." to describe the gentle footsteps of his/her mother in the hallway. Sometimes places become full of sounds, when you have "the television turned up," and a "baby brother wailing." Those are the times when you wish you had no ears, but when finally when the sun sets, and darkness settles over, all the sounds change.

The peaceful night silence rushes through the house, washing away the loud sounds of an average day. "The once-noisy devices charge, inaudible now" and "the television hushed." These lines show how the author believes nights should be peaceful and that the sounds change jurrastically. "I eavesdrop as the house shifts and settles, a creak from the wall, the squeaking of a nail as the wood expands and contracts." This small stanza shows that if you really listen the simple sounds that you don't pay attention to will reveal themselves.

The little sounds are the most important. They are the sounds that make the world go round. "All those little sounds are always there, doing there jobs." To me these sounds are, the chirping of morning birds Fluttering around outside your window, The tapping footsteps of children running and playing. These sounds are things that we hear all the time throughout our lives, we do not think of them.

People always listen to the harmony and elegance of a song with all the instruments, but when you take away "the quiet click of a drum in the background" the song completely changes. "It's only when everything is peeled away", when you realize the importace of every little peice. It is like a jigsaw puzzle when missing one piece the entire picture is disorientated. The thumping of drums are like the extras in a movie set, without them the movie is not nearly as good.

I love this essay because it shows the importance of all things, large and small, the author talks specifically about sound, but it could be anything. Like most people think they are a nobody that doesn't do anything for the world, but everyday you make a difference. All the people in the world are there own instrument some might be one that only plays one note in a song but that note can affect everything. When all the people work together "you realize these little noises are fundamental, that they are the miniscule atoms of sound."

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What is a theme? Well a theme is a kinda like a main idea you create a theme then you support it with evidence. The theme in this certain poem is sound and how it changes over time through night and day. It supports it with example for during the day, "When I arrive home from school my two dogs bark wildly". As you can see the day is when the Earth is buzzing with life and sound versus night, "The dogs are sleeping with their pink tongues dangling out of the side of their mouths like thick ribbons". The author's theme is proving that there is a lot of sounds to stop and hear so if you stop and listen you will hear, "little noises that are fundamental that they are the minuscule atoms of sound".

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In the beginning of the story, the character was just seeing sounds as sounds, but by the end of the poem, they realised that sounds shouldn't be taken for granted. "The minuscule atoms of sound", is what the character calls sounds, and they are completely right. The common theme of this poem was, don't just hear to sounds, listen to them.

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The common theme of the poem is that there are always going to be sounds. For example, at the start of the poem says "my two dogs bark wildly" and "their long claws clicking the floor" describing the sound when the person gets home. Then it goes on explaining "The house is full of sounds" with examples such as, "the television turned up; chitchat on the telephone; my baby brother wailing, red fists clenched furiously." After, the sun sets and everyone quiets down but there's still sounds the person can hear, "I can hear my watch counting off the seconds" and "the house shifts and settles, a creak from the wall, the squeaking of a nail". Finally, it says, "All those little sounds are always there, doing their jobs." That shows me the common theme of the poem that sound don't stop.

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The theme of the story "The Atoms of Sound" is constantly developed throughout the text. I believe what it is trying to show is that all the small things in life have an important role to a larger cause.

In the beginning of the story, the author describes all the small noises that create a loud atmosphere. They explain how the "house is full of sounds" with a loud television, communication on the telephone, and a crying baby. The author also relates this to "an overturned bucket of bells" implying that many individual bells will create a bigger noise, just as the individual activities contributed to the amount of noise in the house as well. Later in the story the mood shifts to the quietness of the house when the day rolls to an end. Here the entire quietness of the house comes from the shut-down devices such as the television, along with the dogs falling asleep. Within this peaceful state, the author continues to describe present noises that are found in the darkness. Some examples include the licking of the watch, the house's little movements, and the mother's steps. From those sounds the author relates them to things that contribute to a bigger role. Like when they describe a wooden easel and an artist's workshop, or the extras to a movie set, or even the subtle sound of a drum in the background of a song.

I believe the author developed the theme of the poem very efficiently and showcased it throughout. By relating sounds to other noises, they showed me that the small things in life contribute to something bigger.

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The theme is that the little sounds are fundamental to life, but only when the larger sounds are gone do we notice the smaller ones.

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The main idea of this poem is that sounds are always there in life and can create many different things. They are the foundation of everything we hear and even the tiniest bit of sounds are just a part of life. Like when it says an Atom of sound this is what it means, it's saying how an atom is a little part of the human body but is necessary for us to be human. So even the tiniest sounds are extremely needed for sounds to happen. The story also shows how sounds are everywhere. Even when we think it's silent you have to listen because there is always sound coming from somewhere. Sound creates that creativity that we love and is the base of it. So all in all this poem talks about how sound is everything and is the fundamental of everything, which it mentioned in the last couple lines. Sound is the atom in the world, small but vital to everything we do and hear.

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This poem was written to show how even if the day is crazy we still shut our eyes with a calm and quiet house under the moon. For example, when the sun goes down everything and everyone is silently sleeping and still. In the beginning of the poem it shows the reader during the day it's crazy with dogs, siblings, and the television. For instance, the poem read, "When I arrive from school the dogs bark wildly" When dogs are constantly barking it's super loud in a house compared to outside. Then the poem said, "my baby brother wailing, red fists clenched furiously." Showing the reader the dramatic sound in the house. When a person has siblings living with them it also can cause so much noise in the house with screaming and crying. While all of that noise is put together it's already loud enough! But there's a television blaring too! Although it can get super loud during the day there's always night fall. When the night falls and the moon rises everything get very quiet almost to the point it's silent. Once it's night time it's the body's natural way of saying, it's dark outside so it's time to rest. So when it hits night time in the poem the text states, "a blanket of darkness settles" When the reader reads that they get very calm. They become part of the poem's twist from day to night. It seems if your house is quiet, even if it's night time, even if everyone is sleeping, the world is still alive. The poem also states, "the loud sounds of industry and progress." That is when this character was lying there trying to sleep you could still hear the rest of the world alive in the moon's shine through the starry sky. No matter what time, what weather, or what occasion there will always be some kind of noise in this world full of people.

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In everyday life, we hear hundreds of little noises that we barely pay attention to. But honestly, these small sounds are what boost your mood or changes your attitude. Imagine going a day without hearing the laughter of a child or the comfort of the wind howling outside of your window. Shockingly, it might actually be pretty easy to picture because of how often we don't stop for a second and take in the little differences around us. In the poem "The Atoms of Sound", it makes you realize that spending an evening waiting and listening to everything around you can change your perspective on things.

The speaker in this poem first talks about when they get home from school. For example, "The television turned up; chitchat on the telephone; my baby brother wailing, red fists clenched furiously." All these things clearly show and tell you that life is loud and busy. Life sometimes annoys and frustrates you, but take a moment and breathe. Suddenly, the mood starts to change in the poem where it says, "As the sun sets, a blanket of darkness settles;" This is when the speaker of the story takes a moment. "The dogs are sleeping", "The television hushed hours ago and the once-noisy devices charge" is what it talks about to have you really get the feel that the atmosphere has started to calm down a bit.

As the poem shifts from busy and active to peaceful and quiet, it starts to really describe the near silence of the night. Like the croaking from the wall and the squeaking from the nails. It's even so quiet that the speaker "overhears the footsteps of my mother in the hallway, bare feet on the padded carpet." I feel that the sounds in the poem are meant to remind you of all the little, comforting sounds that remind you of a good memory. The noises that you remember are probably stuck in your head for a reason. Like I said earlier, there is probably a friendly memory tied to it and it makes you smile just thinking about it. The sound of the "creasing of the knees of her denim jeans" from their mother might have brought the speaker back to an earlier time in their life when they had heard that. And now, when they hear that specific sound, it might just remind the speaker of their mother. See, these faint sounds can change how you think about things.

As the poem comes to an end, it finishes with telling you how important these things are. "All those little sounds are always there, doing their jobs." That sentence I feel is what really sums up the whole passage. Because it's true. The faint noises that we hear during our day are and will always be there, waiting around the corner. There's no way to stop them and I'm not even sure if I would want to. Like I've been saying this whole time, these sounds can really change you. "You realize these little noises are fundamental, that they are the minuscule atoms of sound." The little sounds I also believe help you appreciate many things. Laughter, whispers, footsteps. All of these sounds have the potential to change your view point. And if you take a moment, just like the speaker of this poem has done, and take in all the wonderful noises around you, I'm almost positive that you'll appreciate one more small thing. And trust me, it'll make all the difference.

Theme is the central idea of a literary text. Analyze the development of a common theme in "The Atoms of Sound." Write a well-organized, structured response using specific evidence from the poem to support your answer.

Writer's Checklist

"The Atom of Sound" is a very detailed and descriptive poem. The words fit together like they are two peas in a pod. Using words like "steamy" and "furiously" make the piece more interesting to read. Sound is a very important thing in our lives even if there isn't anything around you, you still hear noise. This poem really brings to life the sounds you hear almost every day.

Description is one of the main reasons the poem is so astonishing. The Poet really gets into his/her work, making this work so beautiful. From get home to going to bed at night keeps the piece moving at all times. They start with "two dogs bark wildly, happy to see me, their long claws clicking the floor". Then start to describe what the coat looks like "their thick coats exhaling a steamy, summer storm." Moving on to what is happening on in the house "The house is full of sounds... chitchat on the telephone; my baby brother wailing". Not one detail being missed throughout the whole poem.

Literary devices are very useful also. Metaphors are mostly used in this piece. "All these sounds mix together in a jumbled cacophony". "They are the thin wooden easel in the artist's workshop, the extras on a movie set" there is a lot of metaphors. Mixing in some similes in there too "like a overturned bucket of balls." Alliteration (something you hardly come by) describing the dogs at the beginning "steamy, summer storm." Having personification is needed in a poem, it isn't a poem without personification. "All those little sounds... doing their jobs." These make the poem more interesting and fun to read.

Going from day to night with the sound calming down, it can show how much sound has gone unnoticed. "I can hear her heel pressing down and then her toes" showing us we can even hear the smallest of things. How much noise there is during the day. "The house is full of sound". Then going on and saying at night "As the sun sets, the sounds of the house change", Going from loud "my baby brother wailing". To something as calm as sleeping "The dogs are sleeping, their pink tongues dangling out of the sides of their mouths". Sound can change.

Sound is everywhere. Even if you can't see it being made. It follows you at your heels and sometimes you don't even know it. Sound is brought out in this poem more than once.

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Sound is something that you have to take time into listening, its something you have to listen to really carefully,Not a lot of people listen carefully to the sound around them, not carefully atleast the littlest sound like the watch ticking at the seconds. There are people in the world that we live in who can't hear,I feel as hearing people take advantage of sound and hearing.Deaf people go through the struggle of not hearing, although its difficult to not be able to hear they still learn how to communicate with other humans-beings.Sound is a beautiful thing such as life, there are people who take advantage of there life live it carelessly. There is sound every where no matter where you go at home, school,store,car ride,work,everywhere. Most hearing people don't listen carefully to the little sounds like a clock ticking. They listen to the loud sounds like NYC traffic car honking. That's what our ears are used to hearing the loud sounds. Sound is a state of matter you have to use your ears carefully to listen to the littlest sounds. Listen carefully and don't take advantage of your hearing. Sound is a beautiful state of matter. Listen carefully and take everything in the loudest and softest sounds.

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Writer's Checklist

This poem has a lot of literary text but I'm only going to write about four Alliteration, Similes and Metaphor, and Personification those are the four that I'm going to write about.

Alliteration, is when the first letter of the sound is used many times like thick coats exhaling a steamy, summer storm, the television turned up, sun sets, mark off the movement of the moon, shafts and settles, and hear her heel these are some Alliterations,

Similes and Metaphors, a Simile is when you are comparing two or more things USING LIKE OR AS like jumbled cacophony Like an overturned bucket of bells, pink tongues dangling out of the sides of their mouths LIKE thick ribbons, eating away at time Like a quiet wave, and creak from the wall, the squeaking of a nail As the wood expands and contracts and a Metaphor is when you compare two or more things but NOT USING LIKE OR AS like blanket of darkness these are Similes or Metaphor.

Personification, is when an object acts like a human like thick coats exhaling, television hushed, once-noisy device, eating away at time, and nibbling at the sand are all Personification

These are all literary text and I hope you learned more about these because I did. Alliteration, Simile and Metaphor, and Personification are some of the hardest literary text.

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Writer's Checklist

I believe the common theme in "The Atoms of Sound" is that the author is trying to get out of this story is that every little thing has detail in it. Such as when the boy came home from school, "When i arrive home from school, my two dogs bark wildly, happy to see me, their long claws clicking the floor, their thick coats exhaling a steamy, summer storm." Also when the boy explains that the house is full of sounds, "The house is full of sounds: the television turned up; chitchat on the telephone; my baby brother wailing, red fists clenched furiously. All these sounds mix together in a jumbled cacophony like an overturned bucket of bells." The second to last example is, "I eavesdrop as the house shifts and settles, a creak from the wall, the squeaking of a nail as the wood expands and contracts." The very last example I will use to support my answer is, "All those little sounds are always there, doing their jobs. They are the thin wooden easel in the artist's workshop, the extras on a movie set, the quiet click of a drum in the background of your favorite song. It's only when everything is peeled away, when the curtain falls on the loud sounds of industry and progress, that you realize these little noises are fundamental, that they are the minuscule atoms of sound."

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In the poem, "The Atoms of Sound", the theme creates a feeling that relaxes and soothes the readers mind. At the beginning of the poem it's very "busy", they (the author) described it as "A jumbled cacophony like an overturned bucket of bells. But when it gets down to the 17th line the theme changes from being "an overturned bucket of bells" to "a blanket of darkness". In the poem, "The Atoms of sound" the theme changed from being "busy" and "caotic" to "hushed" and "calm".

In lines 1 threw 59 the author uses similes, metaphors, and personification to help me (the reader) understand the general theme of this poem. Lines 1 threw 16 help me develop the theme as caotic and very busy, by giving me small fragmnets of activites happening at the moment. For example phrases like "two dogs bark wildly", "my baby brother wailing", "chitchat on the telephone", and "there long claws clicking on the floor". But when the lines reach 17 threw 28 the theme changes dramatically. It goes from a "jumbled cacophony" to "a blanket of darkness". I know this by the author restating the activites that were happening at that moment. Instead of the "dogs barking wildly", there "sleeping with thier pink tongues dangling out", and their baby brother isnt wailing anymore he is "quiet, his breaths even mark off the moments of the moon". Towards the end of the poem the theme still stays hushed and calm, but becomes more meaningful. Theme is the central idea of any literary text, with out it the reader or audiance wouldn't know how to react or feel. In the poem "The Atoms of Sound" the theme changes from being "an overturned bucket of bells" to something meaningful and fundamental. In the beginning of "The Atoms of Sounds" the author gave me (the reader) small fragments that explained the activities that were going on in that moment. During the middle of the poem the author compared it to what activites were happenng later that evening. Towards the very end of the poem "when everything is peoled away, when the curtains fall on the loud sounds of industry and progress, is when the author realizes that they are the minuscule atoms of sound.

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Writer's Checklist

A common theme develops throughout this poem. I believe the common theme is that we take little things for granted, but these little things make up life as we know it. At the end of the poem, the author states that noises, things that we hardly notice in our busy daily life, are "miniscule atoms of sound." The author uses this metaphor because atoms make up everything around us and without them, we are literally nothing. The narrator goes through his day describing average sounds that occur daily, noises we don't think twice about, and concludes with a main point of how "they are the thin wooden easel in the artist's workshop" or that "these little noises are fundamental". I think the theme that gradually develops in this poem is a theme of the importance of life's miniscule details and little attributes. The developing theme is written in the author's work to show to readers that we take life's little things for granted and ignore seemingly unremarkable blessings in the life around us.

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Writer's Checklist

How do you think the theme of "The Atoms of sound" develops? I think it develops very smoothly and steadily. The structure, thought, and setting works together to make it well described and thoughtful.

The structure of the poem is very well sized. Its stanzas are all equal or close to equal length. For example, stanza four is a bit smaller but it still works to make it fit. "I can hear my watch counting off the seconds, eating away at time like a quiet wave nibbling at the sand". Some stanzas are longer than others. An example is stanza seven. "All those little sounds are always there doing their jobs. They are the thin wooden easel in the artist's workshop, the extras on a movie set, the quiet click of a drum in the background of your favorite song. It's only when everything is peeled away, when the curtain falls on the loud sounds of industry and progress, that you realize these little noises are fundamental, that they are minuscule atoms of sound". The poet chooses to make the stanzas vary in length to keep the readers attention and make them more interested. That's not all the poet does to keep us hooked.

Another part of the development is how the poet is thoughtful on what words he uses or how the line connects to real world examples. Here in lines 17-28 it is clear that it has changed time of day. "As the sun sets, a blanket of darkness settles; the sounds of the house change. The dogs are sleeping, their pink tongues dangling out of the sides of their mouths like thick ribbons. The television hushed hours ago, and the once-noisy devices charge, inaudible now. My brother's quiet even breaths mark off the movements of the moon outside of my window". The words the poet uses to describe the change and shift in the time of day shows they put a lot of effort and thought into the poem. The setting is quite important as well.

The setting is one of my favorite parts of the poem. It doesn't really tell where the character is at in the poem but the descriptions give it away. Like in line 1 it is easy to tell he is at home. "When I arrive home from school". The poet just tells the readers but in other lines like 26-36 he could be anywhere around the house. He could be in his room, on the couch, or in the shower. That's what makes it so terrific. The poet makes us think and try to grasp the idea of where he is. "My brothers quiet, even breaths mark off the movements of the moon outside of my window. I can hear my watch counting off the seconds, eating away at time like a quiet wave nibbling at the sand. I eavesdrop as the house shifts and settles, a creak from the wall, the squeaking of a nail as the wood expands and contracts". He makes the readers think for a moment. "Where is the character? What is he doing?". It keeps the reader hooked through the whole poem and praying there's more.

The structure, thought, and setting works together to make it well described and thoughtful. I think it develops very smoothly and steadily. How do you think the theme of "The Atoms of sound" develops?

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Writer's Checklist

I think that the main theme of the poem is that we don't pay attention to the sounds around us, so we don't notice the small details that we hear everyday unless we don't hear them at all.

The first reason I think that we don't pay attention to the sounds around us can actually be found in the poem. Lines 44-46 say "All those little sounds are always there, doing their jobs" This implies that even if they go unnoticed, these sounds can be heard if we listen closely and appreciate them.

My second reason is simply because the poem makes me want to take the time and really hear the well known everyday sounds that we automatically tune out. The poem says in the lines 56 and 57 "These little noises are fundamental." Their jobs are to be there, even if we don't really hear them.

In conclusion, even though they often go without recognition, the background noises are essential for every day life. Could you imagine a silent world with no peaceful humming in the back of your mind? It sounds boring, and I think this poem reminds us that background noise is actually something we all rely on.

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Writer's Checklist

The common theme of "The Atoms of Sound" is sound. The author talks about sound and the things that make sound.

First, the author said the word "sound" six times in the poem. He said "hear" twice in the poem. He even talks about sounds a lot.

Then, there are a lot of sounds the author describes. TV, breathing, music, clicking, and footsteps are some sounds that he talks about.

The reason why sound is the common theme is the author talks about sound and the places the sound is at. He mostly talks about the small sounds.

In conclusion the common theme of "The Atoms of Sound" is sound. All the author talks about are the sounds and things that make sounds.

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Writer's Checklist

Do you ever walk into a large building or area and you can't even hear yourself think? Volleyball tournaments are like that all the time. You'll hear players being as loud as they possibly can to get their voice heard when they are calling the for the ball. Meantime, while their parents are in the crowd, the parents are usually screaming and jumping for joy.

You'll walk in to the gym and all you hear is the sound of whistles coming from all around. Walking into the gym and seeing chaos is all normal when your at a volleyball tournament. People running all over the place, players diving left and right to save a ball, parents in the crowd jumping up and down because they are so proud. You never know what you'll see or hear at a volleyball tournament.

The atmosphere you'll see at volleyball tournaments is most times unbelievable. Some teams that you see playing are just amazing but their fans or parents are the people you can probably hear the best. The atmosphere at the volleyball tournaments can be amazing but at the same time they can also make you nervous. But you also wouldn't be able to go anywhere else to see a place like that.

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Writer's Checklist

Theme is a very important part of a story. It gives the story more meaning and depth. Often times the theme isn't just shown in a story, you have to search for it. This is something that is great about theme, you can't just see it in the text, you have to comprehend the text to understand the theme. Sometimes there is more than one theme in a story, it's all about your perspective and what you see.

When I read this story I saw that the theme was that the small things do make a difference. For example, in the story it referred to the extras in a movie. These guys are extremely important, I mean would you want to watch the Revenant with JUST Leonardo Dicaprio? No! That would be dreadful, there would be no bear, and what's a movie without a bear mauling a man in the snow? Something else that supports the "small things make a difference" theme in the story is the quiet click of the drum in the background of a song.

As I said earlier, I believe that the theme of this story is that small things can make a difference. You can percieve the theme as whatever you want, but I believe the author was telling us that the smallest particles, the most minuscule atoms of sound are what make the beautiful sounds we love to listen to.

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Imagine, a world where a book, movie, or poem didn't have a theme developed. We wouldn't be able to understand the purpose why they were written or why they were made. It would be like going to work, but not knowing what you're doing or why. Theme development can be hard but, also easy to understand. The mood, comparing things that are like, and figurative language help you figure out the theme as it develops.

To begin, the mood in the poem is the most helpful clue to understand the theme development. In the first two stanzas, you can feel how the boy or girl is feeling irritated and annoyed. Lines 13-16 are describing the way the sounds are loud. In the third and fourth stanza they are feeling happy, relief and relax. The way it's being describe lets you know the sounds became quieter and it's almost soundless. Lines 33-43 let you know the narator is bored because they are paying closely attention to every sound the house makes. In the last stanza, the narator feels like something is missing from his or her life. Then the narator starts telling that the sounds are comforting to she or he.

Next, the way the narator describes and compares the sounds are part of theme development also. In the begining they start describing their day after they get house from school. In the first stanza, you can really picture the way the narator describes his dogs and how they look. The second stanza is very descriptive and you can imagine it's loud. As the day continues, it gets darker the sounds become less adudiable. "I eavesdrop as the house shifts and settles" now you know it got darker and also in line 28 when he talks about the moon outside their window. Soon when the sounds are gone he realizes that the sounds are what make the house feel alive.

Finally, poems have figurative language and they help you understand more the theme. Lines 13-16 compare two things; the sounds to an overturned bucket of bells. This simile plays the role of the begining of his feelings. You know they're annoyed. Lines 29-32, you know a personification and a simile are placed, but the personification is more important. When he used the personification you knew that it wasn't the much noise no more because he could hear his watch. "They are the thin wooden easel in the artist's workshop" he developed a strange loving feeling towards the sounds. The theme was completly developed at this point you knew what poem what about. In this case the theme is, even when you don't like something or it annoys you, you're going to miss it when it's gone.

Theme development is very important when it comes to writing an essay, a story, a letter, and also a script. Poems can have many themes but only one stands out the most. The mood in a poem spice up the things. Comparing things help understand what the narator means. Figurative Language makes a wriiting, worth-reading.

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Writer's Checklist

Have you noticed that you hear the same sounds over and over again every day? Throughout your entire day, morning and night, there's constantly a lot of noise. Well the poem "The atoms of sound" is all about that.

First, in the poem, the author talks about the sounds he hears coming home from school. Until the end of his day. Which is when he goes to sleep. In his first few stanzas, he writes the sounds he hears when he gets home from school. Which consists of his dogs barking loudly outside. When he gets inside the house, the television is turned on, people talking on the phone, his baby brother crying.. etc.

Next, in the afternoon, when the sun sets, the sound inside the house sounds completely different. More calm and quiet. The dogs are asleep, the television is off, all devices are off. Everything is just calm.

Finally, it was night. Everyone is asleep, all the lights are off. Hes the only one awake, in the background listening to his favorite song softly. All the noises that he hears all day are off. Now he can go to sleep.

The poem "the atoms of sound is all about that. Throughout you entire day everyone hears loud noises like this. Now have you noticed you hear the same sound over ad over again?

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The theme of this story is that time goes by but things are always happening. Why I say this is because in the poem it talks about how the clicking of his clock goes on and on with every second, and yet he just stays there listening. No matter where you go something will always be happening. Or when his brother is sleeping and his breathing is normal and even, but you never know if something will happen that will change that. Things go on around you that you don't know about, but if you sit there and listen then things might come just a little bit clearer.

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Writer's Checklist

The theme of this story is little noises are everywhere and that they matter. In the beginning from lines 1-8, the little noises are "their long claws clicking the floor." After it goes on to show that there is a mixture of noises, such as "chitchat on the telephone; my baby brother yelling" which is a mixture of noises. On line 8 it tells us "the house is full of sounds" which supports that there is a mixture of loud noises. We know they are loud because of line 15-16 which is "like an overturned bucket of bells, which are loud. Along with that it states 'bells' which means more than one bell confirming that there is a mixture. At line 17-18 night falls and the "sounds of the house change". During night, the mixture of noise stops, which i can support with "the television hushed hours ago" and "the once-noisy devices charge, inaudible now". Then at line 29 the tiny noises start to come out, such as "i can hear my watch counting off the seconds". About line 33 our character starts to listen, or "eavesdrop" to the tiny noises such as "a creak from the wall, the squeaking of a nail" which supports the theme and develops it. After, he then just overhears the sounds, which are "the footsteps of my mother in the hallway, bare feet on padded carpet which is a small sound. Our character then says "all those little sounds are always there, doing their jobs" almost stating the theme. Last a statement on line 52 says "its only when everything is peeled away, that you realize these little noises are fundamental.

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Writer's Checklist

"The Atoms of Sound" revolves around the theme of how the most simple, everyday things can provide comfort. Common noises can make you feel safe and secure, as if life itself is just a simple puzzle. Ever-present and reliable, almost like an old friend, these melodic sounds soothe us. We grow used to these noises, but we also grow tired of them. We fail to see the beauty hidden behind their simplicity.

These simple, rhythmic sounds are constant. A substantial reminder of the mark that people make on the world. Every day, every minute, these persistent sounds ensue. These noises are important, but are taken for granted by many. The spotlight is taken by louder noise, and the everyday sounds slip away, barely heard over the commotion of neighboring people.

"The Atoms of Sound" starts out describing the easily noticed noises. The deafening barking of ecstatic dogs, a baby's miserable wail; you never have to strain your ears to hear these sounds. They take up your attention, you focus in on them. What people don't realize, however, is that underneath that blanket of noise lies a symphony of sounds that no one bothers to listen to. No one notices these gentle noises that go unheard. The steady heartbeat of a loved one, the comforting sound of a pencil on paper: these comforting sounds are overthrown during the day, taken over by the chaos of ordinary life.

During the day, the rambunctious sounds take their place, while overnight quiet noise reigns. They each have their own beauty about them. Quiet sounds are made up of wistful expressions and tiptoes on wooden floors. Loud noises are made up of laughter and booming music. "The Atoms of Sound" focuses on the overlooked sounds that people never listen to, the comfort in everyday noises, and the building blocks that smaller noises truly are.

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Writer's Checklist

There is no rhyme scheme its just word put together to make the poem original. Like "When I arrive home from school,/ my two dogs bark wildly./ happy to see me,/ their long claws." School doesnt rhyme with claws and wildly doesnt rhyme with ma. So there for there is no rhyme scheme.

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theme is what the story is about and in this case the story was about the atoms of sound.

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