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Would Not Take the Garbage Out – Shel Silverstein



Part I

Directions: *Answer the following questions, in complete sentences, using support from the text.*

1. What chores will Sarah Stout do? What is the thing she refuses to do? What happens as a result of Sarah Stout's refusal to do one chore?

2. What warning does the speaker give at the end of the poem? Do you think that the warning the speaker issues in this poem is a serious one or not? What makes you come to this conclusion?

Part II: Critical Thinking

Directions: *Answer the following questions, in complete sentences, using support from the text.*

1. Identify each of the following rhymes in the poem: End Rhyme, Internal Rhyme, Exact Rhyme.

2. Find five examples of alliteration in the list of the garbage that piles up. Why do you think the author decided to use alliteration?

