

TEN TALL OAK TREES

POEM APPRECIATION

1. How does the poem reflect man's attitude towards environment? Give examples.

The poem shows how man come up with different reasons to chop down trees. For example, man cuts down trees for firewood or floorboards, etc. or to create space for by-pass. While on one hand man finds so many reasons to cut trees, he does not seem to find any reason for planting trees.

2. The words '...tall oak trees' have been repeated in every stanza. what do you think it suggests?

The words tall oak trees in each stanza provide a stark contrast to the cutting down of the trees. There is a countdown every time 'tall oak trees' is repeated-from ten trees to none. It also gives the idea that the trees are old-since they are tall-and strong, but man chops them off in an instant.