

# Questions

1. According to the poem, what is Humpty?

- egg
- soldier
- cannonball
- king
- wall
- castle

2. Why do you think the poem starts with: 'We all know how the story goes'?

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3. Why does Humpty shout "I will blast them to kingdom come!"?

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4. Why did the Cavaliers think they were the ones to be feared?

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5. "'Quick! Fire now!" his friends were crying'. Describe what you think Humpty's friends were thinking and feeling at this point in the poem.

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6. 'from a simple Roundhead's point of view smashing him was quite the **coup!**'  
What do you think the word 'coup' means?

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7. Link the characters to how they may be feeling in the poem.

Humpty at the beginning of the poem	regretful and embarrassed
Cavaliers (Humpty's friends) at the end of the poem	deceitful but excited
king's horses and king's men	triumphant
Roundheads at the end of the poem	unknown but probably annoyed
Humpty when he was lying	betrayed
the king	helpless
Humpty at the end of the poem	confident and big-headed

8. Sum up the final fifteen lines in no more than three sentences.

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9. In the end, Humpty is described as a 'rotten egg'. Why is that an apt description?

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10. What does the poem show us about Humpty's character? Use evidence from the text in your answer.

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