

the desert only flings its handfuls of burial sand upon her corpse. A fog can blot Holland or Switzerland out of existence. But how large is the space occupied in the maps of the soul by little Athens and powerless Italy! They were great by the soul, and their vital force is as indestructible as the soul.

1. (a) What proposition does the author seek to establish in this paragraph?
- (b) Show in what way each sentence contributes to this end.
2. What devices are employed in the paragraph to promote force in expression?

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS BY THE EDITOR.

1. Apply to the section these "Paragraph Laws":
 - (a) The Law of the Topic Sentence.
 - (b) The Law of Method.
 - (c) The Law of Explicit Reference.
2. Improve, if possible, the order of words in the sentences beginning:
 - (a) "But, alas!"—
 - (b) "No voice"—
 - (c) "They were great"—

Tell in each case why you think the changed order is an improvement.

3. Point out in the paragraph two examples of *poetic conceptions*, and give the grounds of your selection.

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"Poetry is the record of the best and happiest moments of the happiest and best minds. We are aware of the evanescent visitation of thought and feeling, sometimes associated with place or person, sometimes regarding our own mind alone, and always arising unforeseen and departing unforbidden, but elevating and delightful beyond all expression; so that even in