

Shel Silverstein: An American Poet Mini-Unit Snow Day 6

Name _____

The Dragon of Grindly Grun

*I'm the Dragon of Grindly Grun,
I breathe fire as hot as the sun.
When a knight comes to fight
I just toast him on sight,
Like a hot crispy cinnamon bun.*

*When I see a fair damsel go by,
I just sigh a fiery sigh,
And she'd baked like a 'tater-
I think of her later
With a romantic tear in my eye.*

*I'm the Dragon of Grindly Grun,
But my lunches aren't very much fun,
For I like my damsels medium rare,
and they always come out well done.*

Written by Shel Silverstein (1930-1999)

1. A rhyme scheme is the pattern of rhyme between lines of a poem or song. It is usually referred to by using letters to indicate which lines rhyme. In other words, it is the pattern of end rhymes or lines. A rhyme scheme gives the scheme of the rhyme; a regular pattern of rhyming words in a poem (the end words).

<i>Bid me to weep, and I will weep</i>	<i>A</i>
<i>While I have eyes to see;</i>	<i>B</i>
<i>And having none, and yet I will keep</i>	<i>A</i>
<i>A heart to weep for thee.</i>	<i>B</i>

Look at the end words in stanza 1 and write down the rhyme scheme pattern:

2. *I just toast him on sight, Like a hot crispy cinnamon bun.* This is a comparison between a knight and a hot crispy cinnamon bun using like or as. This is called a

3. A poem's **tone** is the attitude that its style implies. Write two sentences that describe the tone of this poem, and use at least two phrases from the poem to support your answer.
