

Ozymandias

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FIRST YEAR CLASSES

LITERATURE

Ozymandias.



I met a traveller from an antique land,
Who said - "Two vast and lonely walls of stone
Stand in the desert... near them, on the sand,
Half sunk a shattered visage lies, whose frown,
And wrinkled lip, & sneer of cold command,
Tell that its sculptor well those passions read
Which yet survive, stamped on these lifeless things,
The hand that mocked them, & the heart that fed;
And on the pedestal, these words appear:
My name is Ozymandias, King of Kings,
Look on my Works ye Mighty, & despair!
Nothing remains beside, save the decay
Of that colossal Wreck, boundless & bare
The lone & level sands stretch far away."

"OZYMANDIAS" IS A SONNET WRITTEN BY ENGLISH ROMANTIC POET PERCY BYSSHE SHELLEY (1792-1822), FIRST PUBLISHED IN THE 11 JANUARY 1818 ISSUE OF THE EXAMINER^[2] IN LONDON. "OZYMANDIAS" IS REGARDED AS ONE OF SHELLEY'S MOST FAMOUS WORKS AND IS FREQUENTLY ANTHOLOGISED. OZYMANDIAS WAS A GREEK NAME FOR THE EGYPTIAN PHARAOH RAMESSES



Percy Shelley's "Ozymandias"

I met a traveller from an antique land
Who said: Two vast and trunkless legs of stone
Stand in the desert. Near them, on the sand,
Half sunk, a shattered visage lies, whose frown,
And wrinkled lip, and sneer of cold command,
Tell that its sculptor well those passions read
Which yet survive, stamped on these lifeless things,
The hand that mocked them and the heart that fed:
And on the pedestal these words appear:
'My name is Ozymandias, king of kings:
Look on my works, ye Mighty, and despair!
Nothing beside remains. Round the decay
Of that colossal wreck, boundless and bare
The lone and level sands stretch far away.'^[4]






TYRANT, TYRANNY



* WHERE DO YOU THINK THE
ENCOUNTER BETWEEN THE
SPEAKER AND THE TRAVELER
TAKES PLACE? IS IT ON THE
STREET? IS IT IN THE DESERT ?
WHAT DOES THIS VAGUENESS
CONTRIBUTE TO THE POEM?



*What do you think Ozymandias would say if he could see what has happened to his crumbling statue? Would he be humbled or would he find some other way to boast?



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MORAL LESSON
SOCIALLY AND
POLITICALLY**





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