Back in the Playground Blues.

1. The poem is called: 'Back in the Playground Blues'. What does 'blues' mean? 2a

2. The poem begins 'Dreamed ...' In what sense do you think it is about a dream? 2g

3. What was the playground like? 2f

4. Why does the poet call the playground 'Killing Ground?' 2g

5. Who do you think the Rulers of the Killing Ground might be? 2d

6. Who do you think is in th**e** playground? 2d

7. What does the poet mean by 'You get it...' in lines 11-15? 2g

8. Why is a beetle 'not half the fun?' How is a beetle different from a human? (2 marks) 2g

**Challenge:**

9. Who do you think says 'It prepares them for life' (line 22)? Do you agree?

10. Why do you think the poet 'never found any place in life worse than the Killing Ground? 2g