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Investigating *Holy Thursday (I)*

- ❖ How far do you think the closing line is a good summary of the message of this poem?

Investigating language and tone

- ❖ Try replacing 'wand' with 'rod' and 'Grey-headed' with a term reflecting their authority, such as 'grim-faced'
 - How does this affect the mood and tone of the poem?

Investigating structure and versification

- ❖ How far do you feel that the poem's structure adequately reflects its subject matter?

Investigating imagery and symbolism

- ❖ How does the reference to the Book of Revelation
 - ✕ <http://crossref-it.info/textguide/songs-of-innocence-and-experience/13/1510>add to your appreciation of the scene Blake describes?

Investigating themes

- ❖ Compare the use of the themes of
 - The nature of innocence
 - The distortion of Christian belief that makes it a means of controlling people's behaviour here, with their use in *The Chimney Sweeper*.