

After reading Alfred Lord Tennyson's poem "The Charge of the Light Brigade" answer the following questions.

Short-answer questions on  
"Charge of the Light Brigade"

1. What lines in the poem indicate that the soldiers are marching towards their death?
2. What is the meaning of lines 13 - 15?
3. Do you think that the British were victorious or were defeated?
4. What is the meaning of stanza six?
5. Who was the author of the poem and a battle from what war is depicted?
6. How does the poem help you to understand the significant political developments in Europe in the nineteenth century?

## **Answer Key**

1. Stanza 1
2. The soldiers were following orders. They weren't supposed to question orders or even wonder why they were given.
3. Answers will vary, but the British were defeated.
4. These soldiers were heroes. No one will ever forget what they did.
5. Alfred Lord Tennyson. The Crimean War.
6. Answers will vary, but responses will probably reflect the answers to the first five questions.