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**“Oranges”**

*Directions: Use the Answer-Cite-Explain model to respond to the questions below. Each answer should contain a minimum of three sentences.*

1. How has the boy’s feelings for the girl changed over the course of the date? Use evidence from the text to show this change. (refer to lines 1-3, 16-17, and 46-47)
2. Explain the author’s use of the phrase “light in her eyes” on line 28? Why did the author choose to include this phrase?
3. Does the saleslady let the narrator take the chocolate? Why?
4. Based on the subject matter in the poem, why do you think the author chose to set this poem in past tense?
5. The title of the poem is “Oranges.” What is the importance of oranges in this piece? What do they symbolize?
6. How does the author use the images of light vs. dark and warm vs. cold to develop the theme? Cite specific images and the lines on which you find them.
7. In the last line of the poem Gary Soto wrote, “I was making a fire in my hands.” How does this statement relate to the theme of the poem?