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## Two Scavengers In A Truck, Two Beautiful People In A Mercedes

3. Analyze how Ferlinghetti uses language and/or stylistic devices to convey an idea about money in the poem. Consider, for example, diction, imagery, irony, juxtaposition, symbolism, tone, etc. Support your response with reference to the text.

5 marks

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In the poem "Two Scavengers In A Truck, Two Beautiful People In A Mercedes" Lawrence Ferlinghetti uses different stylistic devices such as symbolism, alliteration and visual imagery to convey an idea about money. Lawrence Ferlinghetti uses symbolism in a way to show an object's worth compared to its owner. A good example of this is "The older of the two with grey iron hair and hunched back" on lines 19 and 20. The use of "grey iron hair" may suggest that the older gorbageman has been shaped into a dull or emotionless man due to his lack of a well paying job and of money. Along with symbolism, the author utilizes alliteration, one of the best examples being "casually coifed" on line 13. The reason that this alliteration is important is because "coifed" means the woman styled her hair elaborately, but he uses the word casually before it, stating that it isn't a very big deal for the woman. Ferlinghetti also uses visual imagery by writing "The man in a hip three-piece linen suit with shoulder-length blond hair & sunglasses" on lines ten, eleven and twelve and "The young blond woman so casually coifed with a short skirt and colored stockings" on lines 13 and 14. Both of these quotes can produce a mental image of the couple in the red Mercedes and can show you what money can provide. I think that Lawrence Ferlinghetti is trying to spread the idea that money has the power to divide people. At the end of the poem on line 33, the author wrote "As if anything were possible between them." In my opinion, this shows that the lack or abundance of money can shield people's eyes so much that they just judge by looks. Money has the ability to make people not associate with others due to their financial standing.