

# 'Our Pipes' Henry Lawson – ALARM questions

Identify	Describe	Explain	Analysis	Critically analysis
Main theme, idea, character/s, setting, tension	Techniques used in text type	Purpose, function, affect impact of text on individual, audience	Compare, contrast, explore, critique, develop a response	Evaluate, discuss, examine, appreciate
What is the main theme in the text?	What techniques are used by the composer to create the image of the landscape?	How does Lawson's unique journalistic style of writing affect the audience?	Explore the role of smoking in this story. How is it used to strengthen the experience shared by the characters?	Discuss how the text challenges our beliefs about the Australian outback lifestyle?
Who is/are the main character/characters?	How do language features convey the hard lifestyle experienced by the two swagmen?	What is the function for Lawson's inclusion of Mitchell's first experience of smoking?	Why does Mitchell's mother's response to his smoking contrast so dramatically with his father's response?	In what way does this story affirm the iconic image of the Australian male?

**Creative task:** Write a creative narrative from the mother's or the father's view point. Use Lawson's writing style to influence the voice and characters of your passage.