

“Cartoon Physics, Part 1” by Nick Flynn

Directions Read the poem and then answer the questions. To earn credit, your responses **MUST** be in full sentences.

1. What does the poet say 10 year olds shouldn't know? Why does he start his poem out in this way?

2. How does the speaker define “the rules of cartoon animation”? (What are the “rules”?)

3. What does he think 10 year olds should “stick to”? Why do you think he believes these are better things for them to focus on?

4. What is the point of including the description of the child in the sand box? Why does he focus on her?

5. What does the girl in the sandbox learn?

6. What is the message of this poem? How does Nick Flynn feel about childhood? THESIS JOOS.

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