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Planning Reuben Bright's Three Diaries

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First, interpret the poem.

Who did you decide the poem's <i>they</i> and <i>them</i> are?	Why do you think Reuben tore down his slaughter house?

Next, make some decisions about Reuben.

Based on your interpretation of the poem, please write seven words below that describe Reuben Bright's personality and/or his state of being while this entire incident with his wife was going on.	
1.	5.
2.	6.
3.	7.
4.	

On a scale of 0-100, how would you rate Reuben's:

a) Intelligence	
b) Emotional stability	
c) Hopefulness	
d) Ability to communicate through writing	

Finally, use your decisions from above to compose three diary entries, using Reuben's point-of-view and capturing his voice as best you can. Write your three diary entries on your own paper. Each diary entry should be between half a page and a whole page.

Diary #1: Reuben has been told this day that his wife must die. Before going to bed, he sits down and writes a diary entry explaining how it happened and how he is feeling. Use, at least, one detail from the original poem in this entry.
Diary #2: Reuben's wife has died this day. Before going to bed, Reuben sits down and writes a diary entry explaining how it happened and how he is feeling. Use, at least, one detail from the original poem in this entry.
Diary #3: Less than an hour has passed since Reuben tore down the slaughter house. He explains why in this third diary entry.