

Anglo-Saxon Riddles: Student Examples

Riddle #1:

I am always under never above.
I come in many shapes some are super sizes.
If you wedge me I promise pain to you.
I'm rarely seen but I'm almost always there.
If you take me off you are likely bare.
This riddle may be brief but I could be too.

Riddle #2:

I'm all different colors, shapes, and sizes.
And at some time almost everyone will need me.
And the person who makes me sells me.
But the person who buys me doesn't use me.
And the person who uses me doesn't know it.

Riddle #3:

A slow solemn square-dance
Of warriors fighting
One by one they fall
Warriors fainting
Thirty-two on sixty-four

Riddle #4:

A hundred brothers lie next to each other
Each white and fine they've only one spine
I am the tongue that lies between two
Remove me to gather their wisdom
To you

Riddle #5:

I'm weaved and wandering through the things that you were
I come in all colors from black to white
You'll use me more when it's cold at night
I make a good hobby with a nine inch needle
If I was unraveled I'd make a mess
Your kitten will claw me and unroll me too
Most people use me maybe even you.

Riddle #6:

When my top has been lit	I come awake
And begin to cry slowly	my thick tears
Drip down my sides	I light up a room
With my sunny glow	and freshen the room
With my sweet aroma	I am made
In many different scents	when my fire is put out
I stop crying	and begin to harden.

Riddle #7:

I stand with strength	sturdy and solid
Weathered or new	sometimes unpolished
Surrounded they stand	my four-legged friends
I'm the center of gatherings	emotions unhinged
Sometimes I'm covered	with patterns and prints
So, now can you guess	with all my hints.

Riddle #8:

My work is neat	My work is sloppy
I am right	I am left
I am used by friends	I am used by foes
Some stick me on their ear	yet I cannot hear
I bleed many colors	and am not judged by others.

Riddle #9:

I am not alive	yet I move
I make a small sound	although I do not breathe
I fly	yet I stay in one place
I'm hanged	but I do not feel pain
I have hands to point	yet no fingers

Riddle #10:

I am round like a ball	but yet as pointy as a knife
Like a slave	I am chained
Still I am like a bird	as free as the air you breathe
But when I hit you at full force	your air I will take
When you hear me	death is at hand
Years ago	I was a menace to all
Today I hang	idly by

Answers:

1. Underwear
2. Coffin
3. Chess
4. Bookmark
5. Yarn
6. Candle
7. Table
8. Pens
9. Clock
10. A flail (or mace)