

He was a Couch Potato

1. What evidence from the poem supports the inference that his peers disliked the main character's habits?
2. What is the meaning of the underlined word in the below line from the 4th stanza?
He relished what he did.
3. What is at least one possible theme of this poem? Provide evidence from the text to support the theme you choose.
4. How does the 5th stanza affect the poem? How does it relate to the theme you chose from question #3?

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He spent the entire day on the couch
Habitually watching TV.
Occasionally he'd play a video game,
But every day was the same.
He'd consume dinner on the couch.
He even slumbered there sometimes.

People teased him
Because he seldom did a thing,
But watch TV on his couch
And act like a slouch.
He rarely went out,
Unless he absolutely had to.

They called him a couch potato.
Because he was constantly glued to the tube.
His cushion had a dip
Where he'd always sit.
He spent too much time
Doing nothing.

Will life pass you by
If you just laze around?
They called him indolent and lazy,
But he thought they were all crazy.
He relished what he did
Doing as little as possible.

However, he started to get bored,
Watching the TV all the time.
He ran out of games to play.
So he decided one day,
To abandon his couch.
And do something.

Now, he's not a couch potato.
He likes to walk and jog.
Now he isn't bored,
To his surprise, he enjoys the outdoors.
Hiking instead of sitting.
He doesn't even miss his couch one bit.