

Names _____ Core _____ Date _____

Directions: Annotate the poem in your group.

The Armful

By Robert Frost

For every parcel I stoop down to seize
I lose some other off my arms and knees,
And the whole pile is slipping, bottles, buns,
Extremes too hard to comprehend at once,
Yet nothing I should care to leave behind.
With all I have to hold with hand and mind
And heart, if need be, I will do my best
To keep their building balanced at my breast.
I crouch down to prevent them as they fall;
Then sit down in the middle of them all.
I had to drop the armful in the road
And try to stack them in a better load.

Poetic Devices:

The literary device used is _____ because _____

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1. What is the literal main idea in the poem? (with evidence from text to prove it)

2. What is the figurative main idea in the poem? (with evidence from text to prove it)
