

“The Highwayman” Close Read

1. The rider looks very calm even though the horse is rearing up. Also, he appears to be riding close to night time, and if he was a beginning rider, he would probably be riding during the day so that he could see better.
2. The setting of the poem is at an old inn during nighttime. The weather is stormy and windy. It is also set a long time ago based on the existence of the inn.