**Section 1:**

1a) Look at the summary. Who was Sir Walter Scott?
1b) Find and copy a phrase from the summary that tells the reader what the poems are about.
1c) What does ‘pernickety’ mean? (Use the glossary to help you)
1d) Which word is used to rhyme with rage in Sir Nicketty Nox?
1e) Why do you think Sir Nicketty was carrying a sword?

**Section 2:**

2a) What two things did Sir Nicketty’s wife and daughters do for him?
2b) After the title of the poem, *Lochinvar*, it says in brackets that it’s an extract. What does this mean?
2c) What is the rhyming pattern of *Sir Nicketty Nox*?
2d) Why did Sir Nicketty Nox fly into rage? Explain your answer fully.
2e) Which word on line 11 in *Lochinvar* means a coward?

**Section 3:**

3a) What do you think the word ‘dauntless’ in line 5 of *Lochinvar* means? You can use a dictionary.
3b) What does the phrase ‘dry as a stick’ in line 4 of *Sir Nicketty Nox* suggest about Nicketty Nox’s appearance?
3c) Give two differences between the knights Sir Nicketty Nox and Lochinvar.
3d) The phrase “slim as a fox” in line 3 of *Sir Nicketty Nox* is an example of (choose one):
   1) onomatopoeia  2) a metaphor  3) personification  4) a simile
3e) Look at the language picked above- what does it mean?
3f) Why do you think Sir Nicketty was carrying a sword?
3g) Why was Lochinvar in a hurry to get to Netherby gate What happened when he didn’t arrive in time?
3h) Would you prefer to meet Sir Nicketty Nox or Lochinvar? Explain your answer fully using evidence from the text.
**Extension activities:**
- Which of the two poems do you prefer? Write a review of your preferred poem, explaining why they like it and discuss any aspects of it you don’t like.
- Design a shield for Sir Nicketty Nox and Lochinvar. Think about how you can represent the knights’ characters that are mentioned in the poems on their shield.

**Answers**

### Section 1:
1a) He wrote novels, poems and plays.
1b) Both of these poems focus on knights
1c) fussy
1d) age
1e) E.g. As he was a knight.

### Section 2:
2a) They mended his shirts and darned his socks.
2b) E.g. It means that it is only part of the poem, so there is more to it.
2c) AABB
2d) E.g. If anyone tried to guess his age
2e) dastard

### Section 3:
3a) E.g. brave; fearless; daring; bold
3b) E.g. It suggests that he’s shrivelled and wrinkly.
3c) Any appropriate answer. E.g. Sir Nicketty Nox is old, but Lochinvar is young Sir Nicketty Nox is married, but Lochinvar is not.
3d) a simile
3e) E.g. It is when a comparison is made using ‘like’ or ‘as’
3f) E.g. As he was a knight.
3g) E.g. Because he wanted to marry Ellen. When he didn’t arrive in time, she married someone else.
3h) Any appropriate answer. E.g. I would prefer to meet Lochinvar because he is loyal and brave and the poem says that there never was a knight like him. Nicketty Nox, on the other hand, sounds boring and grumpy.
Hugh Chesterman was an English poet and writer. He was born in 1884. Sir Walter Scott was born in Scotland in 1771 — he wrote novels, poems and plays. Both of these poems focus on knights, but Chesterman and Scott have created two very different images in their poems...

Lochlinvar (an extract)

Oh, young Lochinvar is come out of the West, —
Through all the wide Border his steed* was the best,
And save his good broadsword he weapons had none, —
He rode all unarm'd and he rode all alone.

So faithful in love, and so dauntless in war,
There never was knight like the young Lochinvar.

He stay'd not for brake*, and he stopp'd not for stone,
He swam the Eske river where ford there was none,
But ere he alighted at Netherby gate.

The bride had consented, the gallant came late;
For a laggard* in love and a dastard* in war
Was to wed the fair Ellen of brave Lochinvar.

Sir Walter Scott

Sir Nicketty Nox

Sir Nicketty Nox was an ancient knight,
So old was he that he'd lost his sight.
Blind as a mole, and slim as a fox,
And dry as a stick was Sir Nicketty Nox.

5 His sword and buckler were old and cracked,
So was his charger* and that's a fact.
Thin as a rake from head to hocks*,
Was this rickety nag of Sir Nicketty Nox.

A wife he had and daughters three,
10 And all were as old, as old could be.
They mended the shirts and darned the socks
Of that old Antiquity, Nicketty Nox.

Sir Nicketty Nox would fly in a rage
If anyone tried to guess his age.
15 He'd mouth and mutter and tear his locks,
This very pernickety* Nicketty Nox.

Hugh Chesterman

Glossary-
charger: horse      hocks: rear legs     pernickety: fussy     steed: a horse that's being ridden
brake: bushes      laggard: someone who moves slowly     dastard: a coward