Smokeroom

on the Kyle /12

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1. Describe the sights and sounds of the smokeroom. /1
2. What do you think a “smokeroom” is? /1
3. When does this poem take place? What clues are given to the time period. Be specific. /2
4. The story is believable up to a point. At what point does it seem that the narrator begins to exaggerate the facts? /1
5. Why is this a narrative poem? Give examples that support your response. /1
6. Identify a colloquial expression from the poem and explain its meaning in the context of the poem. /1
7. Identify each of the following from the poem: /3
   1. Characters
   2. Initial incident
   3. Conflict
   4. Rising action
   5. Climax
   6. Resoulution
8. Identify the rhyme scheme of the poem. Does a regular rhyme scheme make the poem easier to read or more difficult. Explain your opinion. /2