"What is success?
To laugh often and much;
To win the respect of intelligent people
and the affection of children;
To earn the appreciation of honest critics
and endure the betrayal of false friends;
To appreciate the beauty;
To find the best in others;
To leave the world a bit better, whether by
a healthy child, a garden patch
Or a redeemed social condition;
To know even one life has breathed
easier because you have lived;
This is to have succeeded."

Ralph Waldo Emerson (1803 - 1882)

***Each time you read a poem, jot down SOAPSTONE and be able to support it with evidence.***

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| Describe the ***S****peaker* | What is the ***O****ccasion*? | Who is the intended ***A****udience*? | What is the ***P****urpose*? | What is the ***S****ubject*? | What ***T****one* does the author use? |
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***Read the following example and explain if the character is a success or not according to Emerson’s definition.***

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| Example | Successful or Unsuccessful according to Emerson? | Explain |
| Squeaky from “Raymond’s Run” |  |  |

Describe something Charlie Gordon from Daniel Keyes’s short story, “Flowers for Algernon,” does that Emerson would consider successful. Support your response with details from both the poem and the short story.