**Common Core Standard:** 6EE.5, MGSE6.EE.5

Mr. X could not find meaning in his life.

X +7=35

So he had to be isolated to discover his value and end his strife.

A family known for their additions.

So everyone was subtracted so he could find meaning without their existence.

X +7=35

 -7=-7

X = 28

He knew there was no need for him to multiply his troubles

Because if he did, everything would be divided on all sides to remain equal.

His whole family was taken away and added on the other side in despair.

 Knowing this is the only way for his answer to appear.

 They were taken away from his life, and his value appeared.

Then they were added back in to reunite the equality in their home.

Mr. X got a new lease on life and balanced was restored again.

He learned a valuable lesson don’t try to pretend when you come from a family of unknowns.

The Variables gained their name because they can be manipulated to mean anything.

And with that fact He must be flexible to know things can change based on he the situation he is in.

Mr. X learned that his value can be found when he does the opposite of HIS current action and applies it to both sides of his life to always keep his equation family **BALANCED.**

**QUESTIONS**

1. What does Mr. X want to find?
2. Based on the poem, how did he find meaning in his life?
3. What lesson did Mr. X learn about being a part of the Variable family?
4. What can you infer the following line means, “A family known for their additions?

 So everyone was subtracted so he could find meaning without their existence.”

1. Based on the poem, what purpose do you think variables serve?
2. Use information from the poem to explain how to solve the following problem.

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