

**English 4**

**Unit: Wealth and Poverty**

**THE WEALTH AND POVERTY PROJECT WORKSHEET**

Save this worksheet as will use it to respond to questions for parts one and three of the project.

**Part 1: Reading**

After you have read the poem "Poverty and Wealth" by Ella Wheeler Wilcox, write a two paragraph response that compares and contrasts the lives, experiences, and attitudes of the two main characters, the laborer and the rich man's son. Your response should address the following questions:

How are the lives and attitudes of these two men different?

Are they similar in any ways?

What is the poem's message about poverty and wealth?

Be sure to include supporting evidence from the text in your response.

**Part 3: Listening**

After you have listened to the selected paragraphs from Jonathan Swift's "A Modest Proposal," answer the following questions about the satirical essay. Remember to include supporting evidence from the text in your response.

1. What is Jonathan Swift's so-called "Modest Proposal"? What solution does he propose?

2. What is the social problem that Swift is proposing to solve?

3. Would Swift's "Modest Proposal" ever become a reality? How do you know that his proposal is satire?