Annotated "Ozymandias"

Name

Directions:

- 1. Read poem.
- 2. Define words in bold. Underline questionable usages. Resolve.
- 3. Rewrite each line to state the meaning simply.
- 4. Label the rhyme scheme.
- 5. Identify the types of stanzas/prosodic form.
- 6. Mark the scansion for lines 1-4.
- 7. Write a short paragraph summarizing the poem.

Ozymandias

I met a traveller from an antique land,	
Who said—"Two vast and trunkless legs of stone	
Stand in the desert Near them, on the sand,	
Half sunk a shattered visage lies, whose frown,	
And wrinkled lip, and sneer of cold command,	
Tell that its sculptor well those passions read	
Which yet survive, stamped on these lifeless thing	s,
The hand that mocked them, and the heart that fed;	
And on the pedestal, these words appear:	*

My name is Ozymandias*, King of Kings;

Look on my Works, ye Mighty, and despair!
Nothing beside remains. Round the decay
Of that colossal Wreck, boundless and bare
The lone and level sands stretch far away."
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