My Last Duchess

1. What form does this poem take and who's the speaker?
2. What type of word is "my" and why is it important here?
3. What is used as a symbol of control the Duke has over his wife now?
4. How is caesura used in the poem? Give an example and explain the effect.
5. What gift does the Duke say he gave his wife? What does this suggest about the context of the poem?
6. Look at line 38. Which verb suggests extreme negative feeling towards his wife?
7. "I gave commands; Then all smiles stopped together." How is this ambiguous?
8. Who is the Duke talking to and why?
9. What's the second piece of art the Duke mentions? What's the significance?
10. What do you think the tone of this poem is? Why?

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