**Directions**: Answer the below questions in complete sentences.

1. Why do the blind men reach the conclusions they do? Give examples from the poem.

2. Why don't the blind men "look" further for the whole truth?

3. What is the point of the poem?

4. Explain why the message is more interesting and clearer when told through a story than if the poet said it more directly

5. Describe a time when you jumped to a conclusion about something and later found out you only had part of the story or truth.

6. In the last stanza, the poet compares the elephant to God. What is he saying about people's perspectives of God?