

CLOSE READING QUESTIONS "The Monkey's Paw" WW Jacobs

Answer questions by using a RED pen. Your answers should be direct quotations please use proper quotations and page citations

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1. Numerous sounds and noises echo through the story. Quote what Mr. White refers what he hears on page 50?
2. "Mrs. White drew back with a grimace, but her son, taking it, examined it carefully". Explain how these characters reacted differently.
3. Locate the word "fakir" on page 51. Write down the sentence. Circle the words that act as context clues to help you determine what can help you understand the meaning of "fakir"?
4. What spell was cast on the monkey's paw.
5. What word of the Sergeant Major's warning suggests a possible outcome? What is the word for this type of prediction in literature?
6. How does the Sargent Major end up with the paw?
7. What does Mr. White do to express his feeling about the paw?
8. "As I wished it twisted in my hand like a snake" Write down this sentence. Underline the simile. If something is "snake-like" is that usually a good or bad sign?
9. When Herbert is left alone on the first night after wishing for 200 pounds, what noises are heard and what is seen in the fire?
10. Who does Mrs. White think is outside the next morning?
11. How does the read know that the stranger is reluctance to approach the house?
12. "He is not in any pain." Mrs. White is at first relieved, but then quote the line that shows she now realizes what has happened to Herbert.
13. Another sound is heard when the man from Maw and Meggin offers two hundred pounds to the Whites. Quote the phrase that indicates the sound.
14. Mr. White had to identify Herbert. Quote the line that indicates how he could positively identify his son.
15. How does the reader know time has passed and the Whites have been grieving for their son?
16. What is Mr. White's reason for not using the paw again?
17. "I wish my son alive again." Quote the line that indicates Mrs. White expecting to see Herbert.
18. Quote from the line indicating what Mr. White first hears after his wish.
19. Mr. White makes his third and last wish. Quote the line that indicates what sound is heard as he wishes. Then quote what sound we hear from his wife.