

MONSTERS ARE DUE ON MAPLE STREET

Vocabulary: **idiosyncrasy, assent, dissent, metamorphosis, insomnia, scapegoat, revelation, fluster, transfixed, persistent, pan**

1. My little boy is very _____ when he wants something, he keeps trying and trying.
2. Almost everybody has one or more _____(s) that people who don't them would consider "weird."
3. The camera should _____ across the scene of the fire showing everything from one end of the building to the other.
4. Sometimes Les Goodman had _____, and would get up and look at the stars.
5. The replays of the auto wreck _____ TV watchers all over the country.
6. "Let's get it all out. Let's pick out every _____ of every man, woman, and child on this street."
7. "You're standing here all set to crucify--all set to find a _____ --all desperate to point some kind of a finger at a neighbor."
8. "They'll probably think we're crazy or something. A little power failure and right away we get all _____ (ed) and everything."
9. "In this brief fraction of a moment, they take the first step toward performing a _____ that changes people from a group into a mob."
10. The last book of the Bible is called _____(s), and it's where the writer reveals visions of the end of the world.
11. Congress passed the bill unanimously, without _____.
12. The Welshman's _____ about Huck being the real hero was overshadowed by Tom's _____ of the money. (The same word goes in both blanks.)
13. In professional sports, the coach is often the _____ for a team's bad performance, even if it isn't always his fault.

Before you Read 1-10

Directions: Restate each question in your response. Discuss thoroughly!!! Use examples from your experiences, other literature, or world views.

1. "The only thing we have to fear is fear itself." What does this mean? (*Who said this?*)
2. How does fear affect the decisions you make?
3. What fears might be called "universal"; shared by most almost all humans?

4. Do you have any "isms" that someone who doesn't know you might consider "weird"? What if you were judged only by your idiosyncrasies?
5. Do you think life exists on other planets in our universe? What makes you think so? Might this life be friendly or hostile?
6. If you wanted to take over a town--without killing anyone--how might you weaken the people enough to overcome their resistance?
7. sun : earth :: earth : _____ (answers will vary)
8. move : eyes :: _____ : camera
9. (2) Draw a (labeled) diagram of what a day and a year are, astronomically speaking.
10. What's a scapegoat? Explain – give example to show you know.