

MONKEY'S PAW

Part-II

1. Literary Analysis: Read the following passage. Circle the words in the passage that foreshadow that something bad may happen with regard to the monkey's paw.

“Herbert sat alone in the darkness, gazing at the dying fire, and seeing faces in it. The last face was so horrible and so simian that he gazed at it in amazement. It got so vivid that, with a little uneasy laugh, he felt on the table for a glass containing a little water to throw over it. His hand grasped the monkey's paw, and with a little shiver he wiped his hand on his coat and went up to bed. “

2. Reading Skill: Read the following passage. Use your prior knowledge and think about human nature. Why might Herbert say this to his father?
“Well, don't break into the money before I come back,” said Herbert, as he rose from the table. “I'm afraid it'll turn you into a mean, avaricious man, and we shall have to disown you.”
3. Reading Check: What does Mrs. White think about Mr. White's insistence that the monkey's paw moved in his hand when he made his first wish? Underline the sentence that tells you.
4. Reflect: Do you think that the monkey's paw has anything to do with the arrival of the stranger? Why or why not?
5. Predict: What do you predict the stranger outside the Whites' home will do?
6. What information does the stranger give to Mr. and Mrs. White? Write the text that tells you so.
7. Reading Skill: From the foreshadowing in the following passage, make a logical prediction about where the Whites' money will come from.
The other coughed, and, rising, walked slowly to the window. “the firm wished me to convey their sincere sympathy with you in your great loss,” he said, without looking round. “I beg that you will understand I am only their servant and merely obeying orders.”
8. Literary Analysis: Read the following sentence. In what way does the stranger's answer increase the tension of the rising action? “Two hundred pounds, was the answer.”

Part-III

1. Reflect- How is the mood in the White's home different without Herbert?
2. Reading Skill: What do you predict the second wish will be?
3. Reading Check: What does Mrs. White want her husband to wish for? Write the text that tells you what she asks Mr. White to do.
4. Reflect: A.) If you could advise the Whites, what would you tell them? B.) What consequences might you warn them about?
5. Reading Skill: Make prediction about the outcome of the second wish.
6. Reading Check: What does Mr. White hear when he pauses to strike another match? Write the text that tells you.
7. Reading Skill: What do you predict the Whites will do about the third wish?
8. Literary Analysis: The Climax occurs when the tension reaches the highest point. How does the difference between what Mr. and Mrs. White are trying to do bring events to a climax.
9. Reflect: What do you think Mr. White's last wish is?
10. What wishes would you make if you were Mr. or Mrs. White?

Assignment

Writing: Sequel

Write a brief sequel to this tale in which someone else finds the paw. Answer the questions below to help you plan. Use your notes to help you write your sequel.

- How does the new person get the monkey's paw?
- How will he or she learn about the history of the monkey's paw?
- What does this person have, and what does he or she want?
- Will the person make a wish?
- What consequences will this person's wish bring?