

Generic Short-answer Questions (compiled from released TAKS tests)

1. Did _____ accomplish his/her goal of _____?
2. Who is more _____: _____ or _____?
3. Why does _____ _____ in the story?
4. How does the idea of _____ apply to both _____ and _____?
5. How was _____ affected by _____?
6. What is one conflict in the story?
7. How is the setting important in the story?
8. How does the author use foreshadowing in this story?
9. How is _____ an important theme in this story?
10. Why is _____ an important theme in this story?
11. Why is _____ a good title for this piece?
12. How does _____ change from the beginning to the end of the story?
13. Which of the _____s would you like to have as a _____?
14. What is one conflict that _____ faces?
15. Why is _____ important to _____ in the story?
16. What is one characteristic shared by _____ and _____?
17. Why do you think the author waits until _____ to reveal the truth about _____?
18. What impact does point of view have in the story?
19. How does _____ connect the author to _____?
20. How have the author's experiences shaped his/her attitude toward others?
21. How is _____ affected by _____ in the story?
22. What is the major conflict that _____ experiences in the story?
23. How does the (narrator or) author's attitude toward _____ change over the course of the story?
24. How is the concept of _____ important in both stories?
25. What does the _____ symbolize to the main character?
26. What does _____ learn from _____ in the story?
27. What is one characteristic that _____ and _____ share in the two stories?
28. What does _____ learn from his/her experience with _____ in the story?
29. Why do you think the narrator/author decided to _____?