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Reading Comprehension Questions
"The Monkey's Paw"

Denton/Triolet 2015

1. What is the mood at the beginning of the story? **How** does the introduction to the story create the mood? (Give specific examples from the text to support your answer) (3pts)

2. What is the spell on the monkey's paw? Who put the spell on it? Why did he put the spell on it? (3pts)

3. How does the author hint at what is going to happen to Herbert? (Foreshadowing) Give specific example from the text. (3pts)

4. Do you think the monkey's paw really moved in Mr. White's hand? Explain using evidence from the story. (2pts)

5. What is so shocking about the amount of money Maw and Meggins offers the Whites in compensation for the accident? (2pts)

6. What is the second wish? (1 pt)

7. Why is Mr. White so reluctant to make this second wish? (2 pts)

8. At the end of the story, who is knocking at the door? What makes you believe this? (Be specific using evidence from the story.) (3pts)

9. What is the third wish? Explain how you know by using evidence from the story. (2pts)

10. In the story, after Mr. White makes the first wish for the 200 pounds, Herbert says, "Well, I don't see the money…and I bet I never shall." Later in the story, we realize this is an example of an ironic twist. Explain using the definition of irony and evidence from the story. (4 pts)