**Lather and Nothing Else by Hernando Tellez** from Stories to Remember

1. **Making Inferences About the Setting**

we are told very little about the setting of this story (where, when and under what conditions it takes place) there are several “inferences” we can make about setting beyond it taking place in a barber shop. Answer the following and support your answer with evidence from the story.

1. Where is the country that this story occurs?
2. What kind of government exists in this country?
3. Why are there so many executions?
4. **Characters help create Suspense**

In order to create suspense the author needs the reader to sympathize with and care about the hero.

1. How did the writer make you care about the barber?

1. What are your feelings about Captain Torres? What details made you feel this way?
2. **Conflict Creates Suspense**

All good stories have a problem or conflict which the characters must overcome. Suspense depends upon the development of conflict or series of conflicts as the excitement increases.

1. This story has two conflicting characters – the barber and Torres. Describe the conflict between these two characters.
2. The barber also has an internal or psychological conflict within his own mind. Describe this psychological conflict the barber struggles with in this story.
3. Does the conflict in this story depend mostly upon the conflict between the characters or the psychological conflict in the mind of the barber? Explain
4. What decision does the barber finally come to? Explain his reason.
5. What was the real reason Captain Torres come to the barber shop?