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THE MONKEY'S PAW by W.W. Jacobs page 150 STORIES TO ENJOY

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VOCABULARY

fakir

talisman

pounds

CREATING CONTEXT

Imagine that you were offered any three wishes of your choice

Write down each of your three wishes under the title

MY THREE WISHES

I.

II.

III.

COMPREHENSION

1. In what country had the Sergeant-Major obtained the paw ?

2. Why had the "fakir" put a spell on the paw ?

3. How many wishes and how many people could use the paw ?

4. What had happened to the person who had used the paw

before the Sergeant-Major ?

5. Why did Mr. and Mrs. White receive two hundred pounds from the Maw Megans

Company ?

6. This story began with a brief but vivid description of the **setting.**

a. Briefly describe the opening setting.

b. Explain how this setting contributes to the **mood and plot** of the story.

7. The Sergeant-Major is quite calm when he first began the story about the

Monkey's Paw

a. How did his behavior change as he told more about the story ?

b. How did his behavior build suspense in this story ?

8. After the Sergeant-Major left the White's home we have learned alot about each

character indirectly or by their actions in the story.

a. Write a CHARACTER SKETCH of each of the four characters in

the story.

b. Explain how each character felt towards the paw and it's

power.

9. DISCUSSION TOPIC

The setting and the behavior of the characters blended into a situation such that the

supernatural could seem real, Did you believe in the power of the paw?

BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING IN CLASS

Explain how each of the following events could be explained

as either supernatural or real

a. What made the paw move in Mr. White's hand

b. Did the first wish come true ?

c. Was the second wish granted ?

d. What do you think the third wish was ? Was it granted?

10. WRITING ASSIGNMENT

Write a story where you acquire the paw as the second owner.

Describe each of your wishes and the results which followed

You must also pass the paw onto it's final owner.