

LITERARY: FICTION QUESTION STEMS

1. From _____'s description of the _____ in paragraph __, the reader can tell that—
2. What is one message the author conveys in the story?
3. Paragraphs __ and __ contribute to the rising action of the story by showing that —
4. The author's choice of first-person (*or third person*) narrator helps the reader —
5. What can the reader conclude about —
6. In paragraphs __ and __, what does _____'s conversation with _____ reveal about _____?
7. Which sentence expresses the turning point (*or climax*) in the story?
8. What is the best summary of the story?
9. (*Provides sentence from selection*) This sentence helps illustrate _____'s —
10. (*Provides sentence from selection*) From this sentence, the reader can conclude that —
11. What can the reader tell about the narrator's feelings for _____?
12. In paragraph __, the author uses the phrase "_____" to illustrate that the narrator was —
13. Why did the author include paragraphs __ and __ in the selection?
14. Which definition matches the word _____ as it is used in paragraph __?
15. What is the central message the author presents in this selection?
16. Which of these best expresses the main idea of paragraph __?
17. The author speaks directly to the reader in paragraphs __ and __ in order to —
18. Which definition best matches the word _____ as it is used in paragraph __?
19. The author's opinion that _____ is best supported by —
20. How is _____ able to solve his/her problem?
21. From events in this story, what can the reader conclude about _____?
22. Why does it make sense that _____?
23. Which words from paragraph __ help the reader know what the word _____ means?
24. Which sentence from the story best shows that _____?
25. (*Provides sentence from selection*) This sentence shows that _____ is —
26. What lesson does the narrator learn while _____?
27. The author's use of similes in paragraph __ creates a feeling of —

28. The figurative language in paragraph _ helps the reader imagine the —
29. The author includes the question in paragraph _ most likely to —
30. The language in paragraph _ is used to emphasize —
31. Because the story is written from a first-person point of view, the reader is better able to understand —
32. Paragraphs _ through _ help build tension in the story by —
33. Based on the story, what can the reader conclude about _____?
34. Which of these best demonstrates the moment when _____ realizes _____?
35. In paragraph _, which words does the author use to create a tense mood?
36. The author uses this sentence to explain how _____ —
37. (*Provides sentence from selection*) In this sentence the author —
38. What can the reader infer about the author's _____?
39. The abrupt dialogue in the poem helps convey the idea that the characters are —
40. In paragraph _, which words does the author use to create a _____ mood?
41. Why is the letter important to this story?
42. _____'s interaction with _____ contributes to the plot by —
43. Which of these best describes _____'s internal conflict in the story?
44. The point of view from which the story is told gives the reader insight into —
45. How does the setting influence the plot of the story?
46. A theme expressed in the story centers on —
47. The reader can conclude that when _____, _____ is —
48. Which statement best expresses the main theme of the excerpt?
49. The author included paragraph _ in order to —
50. Which event triggers the main problem in the excerpt?
51. Which of these best expresses _____'s _____?
52. Which statement best expresses the main conflict in the excerpt?
53. The narrator's actions in paragraphs _ through _ of the story show that he/she —
54. According to the story, the reason the narrator doesn't _____ is that —
55. What can the reader conclude about the narrator from this sentence?
56. Based on their actions described in the story, _____ most likely think it is important to —

57. The narrator's actions in paragraph __ imply that he/she will —
58. Which sentences best help to create suspense in the story?
59. _____'s thoughts in paragraph __ show that he/she —
60. The story reaches its climax when —
61. The author uses the description of the _____ to show —
62. Which sentence from the story provides the best evidence that _____ feels _____?
63. The details in paragraph __ help the reader infer that —
64. Which sentence foreshadows that _____ will be _____?
65. The author uses short sentences in paragraph __ to help create a feeling of —
66. In paragraph __, the descriptions of _____'s expression suggest that the _____ —
67. The Latin root ____, meaning "____," helps the reader understand that the word _____ in paragraph __ means —
68. What is the significance of _____?
69. The _____ described in the sentence represents the —
70. Which sentence from the folktale best shows that the _____?
71. _____ contributes to solving the narrator's problem mostly by —
72. The author uses paragraph __ to convey to the reader —
73. (*Provides sentences from selection*) Why does the author include this description of _____?
74. In paragraph __, the second reason that _____ shows that his/her _____ —
75. The description of the three sides of _____'s personality helps the reader understand his/her —
76. In paragraph __, the word _____, which is based on a Latin root, means —
77. The qualities _____ is described as having in paragraph __ are most closely related to those associated with the —
78. How does _____ respond _____ when _____ expresses concern about _____?
79. Why is _____ most likely in favor of _____?
80. (*Provides sentence from selection*) The author uses figurative language in this sentence in order to —
81. In paragraphs __ and __, how does the author show that _____ also have complicated personalities?