

1. Use your peers to help you answer the following questions and/or statements.
- a. What is meant by the word *fate*?

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Tell what the visitor says about fate.

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Did the Whites interfere with fate? Explain.

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b. Captain Morris tells his friend to make wishes sensibly. Why?

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Are Mr. White's wishes sensible? Explain.

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What alternatives did Mr. White have?

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c. Describe the mood of the story and evaluate its effectiveness.

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d. Tell what plot(s) are seen in the story. Are they used effectively?

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3. What are the conflicts in the story?

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2. Describe the following characters and explore their contribution to the plots or situations.

Character Name	Physical Appearance	Thoughts and Feelings	Choices they Make	Others' Reactions to Him/Her
<b>Captain Morris</b>				
<b>Herbert White</b>				
<b>Charles White</b>				
<b>Elizabeth White</b>				

3. What point of view is this story told in? Find proof from the text to explain your answer. Define this type of point of view.

## Short Story #3

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page 32 "The Monkey's Paw" by W.W. Jacobs

1. What is the setting of the story?
2. As the story opens, what are the father and son doing?
3. Whom are they expecting?
4. How does Mr. White know this man?
5. Where has the man been for many years?
6. What story does the guest tell?
7. Why was the spell cast?
8. How did the guest gain possession of this strange object?
9. What is the guest's opinion of the object?
10. What does he try to do with it?
11. What warning does the guest give Mr. White?
12. What final warning does he give him?
13. How does the reader know that the Whites don't all take the guest seriously?
14. Who is the most skeptical of all?
15. Why does Mr. White hesitate before he wishes?
16. What does his son suggest that he wish for?
17. What seemed to happen as Mr. White wished?
18. Why was the son doubtful of the object?
19. The following day, what news did the old couple receive?
20. What was the name of Herbert's company?
21. What did the company offer the couple?
22. How does each of them react to the company's offer?

23. After the sad news, how were the couple different towards each other?
24. What idea did Mrs. White have in the middle of the night?
25. Why did Mr. White try to change her mind?
26. What did the couple do after their wish was made?
27. What did Mr. White hear downstairs?
28. Why did he not want to open the door?
29. What was his third wish?
30. What was his wife's reaction to this wish?
31. What did they see when they ran outside?
32. What elements of irony are there in this story?
33. Is there a moral to the story?

Short Response

Many people believe in other people who have the ability to predict our fate (for example, psalmistry, horoscope, psychics, etc...). Are these means valid? Can such experiences in relation to fate or the validity of such practice(s) and / or superstition(s) be validated? Share your beliefs.