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“The Monkey’s Paw” Reflection Questions

1. Where does the paw come from?

The paw comes from India.

1. How does the father get the money he wished for?

His son was caught in a machinery and the compensation is 200 dollars.

1. What does the father wish at the end of the story?

The father wishes that his son can go back to where he was and does not come again.

1. What is the mood of this story? Identify specific parts that demonstrate/create the mood.

The mood of the story is suspicious. Especially when the soldier has a high desire to keep the monkey’s paw a secret and break the monkey’s paw.

1. What makes this story suspenseful? What is the most suspenseful part of this story? Why?

The environment and atmosphere make the story suspenseful. The most suspenseful part of the story is the noise when the mother wishes that her son can come back because the matches fall on the ground and there are knocks on the door.

1. What is something the monkey’s paw might symbolize?

The human’s greed and the fate of people.

1. What are some other things in this story that might be symbolic?

The equal exchange.

1. What are some possible themes of this story?

People cannot be greedy and get something they don’t have before.