The Celebrated Jumping Frog of Calaveras County

The story is set in a nineteenthcentury gold mining camp. Why do you think Twain set the story there?

Level Z • Analyze Setting

Reading A-Z

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Deception is a theme that runs throughout the story. What do you think Twain's opinion of deception is?

Level Z • Author's Point of View

Redding A-Z

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Do you think the stranger was justified in cheating Jim Smiley? Explain your reasoning.

Level Z • Evaluate

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Pretend you are the narrator, tricked into listening to Wheeler's story. What would you say to the friend who encouraged you to look him up in the first place?

Level Z • Create

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What do most of Smiley's animals have in common?

Level Z • Compare and Contrast

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Do you think Wheeler has told the tale about Smiley before? Why do you think he tells it?

Level Z • Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions

Redding A-Z