

TSTCANDI: "The Destructors" by Graham Greene

Theme:

Many times something old has to be destroyed in order for something new to arise. This form of destruction is actually a form of the creation of something better.

Title:

Analyze the title. Who are the destructors? What are they destroying (literally and figuratively)?

Syntax: No need to analyze.

Tone:

What are the tones of the story (you should list two from handout)? How are they created (imagery, diction, details, be specific)?

Characterization:

Analyze the following characters. What do they represent (note their names and how they are described)

Mike, Blackie, T/Trevor, Summers, Mr. Thomas, T's father

Analogical Language

- Wormsley Common Gang
- August
- What day does the story start? What day does it end? Why?
- Mr. Thomas' House (why is the age important?)
- Flooding the home
- Light
- Bank Holiday
- Number of boys in the gang:
- Twelve
- Star
- Children
- Night
- Morning
- Chocolates

Narrative Technique:

What type of narrator?

Effect the type has on the story?

Diction:

- Puberty
- Try
- Rules
- Court
- It
- Bribe
- Free rides
- Pinch

Imagery

- Opening scene
- Mike going to church alone
- Mr. Thomas and the outhouse
- Blackie standing up for T
- Burning money
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