

Guinan/The Short Story

Read the story **A Good Man is Hard To Find by Flannery O'Connor** (875-881)(30 min)and answer the following(30 min):

1. P. 875 The description of the “children’s mother”: "the children's mother, a young woman in slacks, whose face was as broad and innocent as a cabbage and was tied around with a green head-kerchief that had two points on the top like rabbit's ears."

- a. Is delivered with a tone of mockery
- b. Echoes the characterization of the grandmother
- c. Indicates the setting of the story
- d. Suggests the mother is to be feared

2. In what way is this story “a journey story?”

i.e where do they go? From where? What do they discover?

3. Describe the contradiction evident in the below passage from p. 876.

"In my time," said the grandmother, folding her thin veined fingers, "children were more respectful of their native states and their parents and everything else. People did right then. Oh look at the cute little pickaninny!" she said and pointed to a Negro child standing in the door of a shack. "Wouldn't that make a picture, now?" she asked and they all turned and looked at the little Negro out of the back window. He waved.

4. Write a 4 sentence paragraph that **uses the text** to support an explanation of Red Sam’s view of the world:

5. What is the effect of the one sentence paragraph?

The road looked as if no one had traveled on it in months.

6. The passage

"It was a big black battered hearselike automobile. There were three men in it."

employs all of the following EXCEPT

- a. Metaphorical description
- b. Alliteration
- c. A foreboding understated tone
- d. Personification

7. Pretend you are a teacher assigning this story for your students. Now Read the dialog between the grandmother and the Misfit. WRITE A QUESTION that is designed to get your students to think about the **connotative** meaning of the dialog.

8. EXTENDED RESPONSE: **PICK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:**

A. Consider the dialog between the grandmother and the Misfit **as a one act play**. There's a beginning, a middle, and an end. Write an [8 sentence paragraph](#) that explains the conflict of the "play." That is, explain what the conflict is, how each character tries to resolve it, and how it is resolved.

B. Write An [8 sentence paragraph](#) that follows the following sentence:

"Both fate and chance play a role in the story "A Good Man is Hard to Find."

9. Fill in the Blank:

YOUR PARENTS: "Hi, honey. what'd you do in school today?"

YOU: Read this _____ story in English class

- A. boring
- B. disturbing
- C. lyrical
- D. inspiring
- E. funny