

“The End of Something” Reading Guide

1. The story begins with a description of Horton Bay. What do you think is the purpose of beginning the story this way?
2. Describe the couple at the beginning of the story. How are they acting toward one another?
3. What is Nick’s excuse for doing what he did?
4. How does Nick’s relationship/interaction with Bill differ from his relationship with Marjorie?
5. Did the end of the story surprise you or were you expecting it?
6. After reading the whole story, what is the significance of the description at the beginning? Is the situation between Marjorie and Nick related to the story of the town? How so?