

Charles – Story Extension Assignment

Vocabulary: There are many terms in this story that are uncommon and may be unfamiliar to you. There are 18 choices below. You need to choose AT LEAST 10 (although you could do more to make sure you get a high mark or for bonus marks.)

For each, tell me WHAT YOU THINK THE WORD MEANS. You DO NOT HAVE TO LOOK THEM UP IN A DICTIONARY! Your definition doesn't have to be right but it has to make sense in the context of the story. (Think of another word or words that you could put into the original sentence and see if it makes sense. Then USE EACH WORD IN A SENTENCE, which you will make up and not copy from somewhere. **(10 x 3 marks)**)

Eg: Rheostat: is used in electronic devices to regulate the output of a device. These are used to control the power of things like generators, motors, and welders. Sentence: In Mr. Kozyra's electronics class, you can learn how to install and use rheostats in some of your projects.

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| a) renounced | g) deprived | l) grimly |
| b) era | h) unsettling | m) warily |
| c) swaggering | <u>pg. 122</u> | n) cynically |
| d) raucous | i) shrugged
elaborately | <u>pg. 123</u> |
| <u>pg. 120</u> | j) institution | o) prayerfully |
| e) elaborately
casual | k) reformation | p) matronly face |
| f) fresh | | q) maneuvered |
| | | r) primly |

Longer Answer: Do 3 of the 6 questions below. Answers must be in complete sentences, and explained well. Each answer will take several sentences, if not paragraphs. **(3 x 10 marks)**

1. This is a rather old story, which was first published in 1948. Throughout the story, there are many clues that tell us that this story is set, and probably written, a long time ago. I found 9 or 10 good clues. You need to find AT LEAST 5, QUOTE them, and EXPLAIN why this is a clue.

Ex: On page 55, the author of this story states that Laurie's mother picks up the telephone, calls the operator and asks to be connected to the police. There isn't really a live operator on the phone anymore, and you certainly don't have to ask to be connected, you just dial the number and are taken directly there. If you need help, you generally don't call the "operator," you might call your phone company or look up a number/answer on the Internet.

2. Why did Laurie tell stories about "Charles" in the first place? It would seem to me that he might not want to talk about what happened, but he did, repeatedly, and with great joy. Why?

3. Add on to the story and describe what happened after the meeting - Laurie's mother breaking the news to his dad, and them confronting Laurie, as well as his response.

4. This story has been called a prime example of "dramatic irony." Look up the term, provide a link to whatever source(s) you consult, and write a definition IN YOUR OWN WORDS. (DO NOT COPY AND PASTE ANYTHING! note: changing a word or two from the original is NOT IN YOUR OWN WORDS. Your best bet is to read a couple of sources of information a bunch of times until you understand, and then, without consulting those sources again, try to explain the term to me or someone else.)

5. Describe a time when you or someone else wished that they could be someone else, and have someone else to blame for something that happened. Write a description that includes details about the setting, characters, and the events.

6. Have you ever had someone like Charles in one of your classes, or perhaps have you been a "Charles?" Describe some circumstances where someone has done things that are really disruptive or bad. If you haven't seen/been a Charles, make something up along the same lines. Use fake names to protect the guilty, if you like. Write a description that includes details about the setting, characters, and the events.