

Reading Comprehension Assignments

The author wrote this story in South Africa before the end of Apartheid. *Apartheid* was a governing system in South Africa that separated blacks from whites. The white people of the country controlled most of the wealth and held most of the power. The black people of South Africa were very poor by comparison and lived in very squalid conditions. Nelson Mandela is the most famous person from this period. He worked against Apartheid and was jailed for many years by the government. When Apartheid finally ended in 1990, Nelson Mandela was freed from jail and later on became the first black President of South Africa.

1) This story is written very much like a Fairy Tale. Find a quote two example of Fairy Tale language.




2) Why do you think the author wrote this story in the style of a Fairy Tale?

3) Why was this family so happy at the beginning of the story?

4) Even though they were happy, they had some fears. What were they?

5) Describe three "security upgrades" that the family had done to their house.



6) The ending of the story contains "situational irony" Discuss the irony, fully.

7) What do you think the message (theme) of this story is for North Americans like us?

8) Imagine that you have a beautiful house and want to protect it. Describe some new and unique security features that you was install. Be absolutely creative and over the top. Write this assignment informally. 2 -3 paragraphs minimum.