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“The Monkey’s Paw” *by W.W. Jacobs*

*Assignment Instructions*

**As you read, please annotate (in highlighter) for the following**

1. Tone & Mood Words (emotions) (Example: “*the night was cold and wet*…”)
2. Vocabulary Words you don’t know (from the list)

**After Reading**

1. What do you learn about Mr. White’s personality as he plays chess with his son?

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1. Sergeant Major Morris describes the Monkey's Paw in this way: "*An old fakir (*a very holy man*) put a spell on it. He wanted to show that fate ruled people’s lives, and that to interfere with fate only caused deep sadness.* "
   1. Paraphrase Morris’ statement in your own words

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* 1. Do you think that fate rules YOUR life? Why? (2-3 sentences)

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1. Why does Major Morris throw the monkey's paw onto the fire and why do the Whites react so strongly?

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1. What happens to Herbert White? Use the “Claim/Evidence/Warrant” format in your response.

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1. What do you think happened at the end of the story? Why does Mr. White beg his wife not to let "it" into the house? What does he mean? What is he afraid of? Who or what was outside of the house?

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1. How does Jacobs set the mood and/or tone of the story? List TWO examples of strong mood or tone descriptions, and what you think they mean:
2. Mood/Tone:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
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6. What are two possible themes from the story? List the theme, and an example of an event from the story that describes that theme.
7. Theme:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
8. Example from story: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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