Short Story of the Month

"The Monkey's Paw" by W. W. Jacobs

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Use the ACE method to answer each question. See the example below.



Who won the chess game between father and son, and why?

Answer: Herbert won the game of chess because his father believed in taking risks.

Cite: Mr. White, Herbert's father, put his king at unnecessary risk. According to the story, Mr. White did not notice his fatal mistake until it was too late.

Explain: Mr. White hoped that his son would not see the mistake, but clearly Herbert did as he replied, "Mate."

1. According to the sergeant-major, what made the monkey's paw magic?
Answer:
Cite:
Explain:
2. Why did the sergeant-major toss the paw into the fire?
Answer:
Cite:
Explain:
3. At first, Herbert is casual about the monkey's paw. When does his attitude about the paw start to change, and how do you know this? **Answer:*
Cite:
Explain:

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4. What does Mr. White wish for first, and why?
Answer:
Cite:
Explain:
5. What statement does Herbert make that foreshadows his own death?
Answer:
Cite:
Explain:
6. What does Mr. White wish for when he makes his final wish?
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