

"The Monkey's Paw" Short Story vs. Movie Analysis

As you view the movie, answer the questions in the left column. After the movie, answer the questions in the right column.



1. How do the first two minutes of the movie differ from the story?	2. What effect does this have on the viewer's experience?
3. How do the characters differ from what is described in the story?	4. How do you feel about the difference(s)?
5. The movie adds an element that the story doesn't include, designed to show the viewer what happened in the past. What is this element called?	6. Why do you think the movie makers added this element? Explain.
7. In the movie, the two older men have a private conversation outside. What assurance does Mr. White make in the movie that was not in the story?	8. How does this affect the way Mr. White is characterized?
9. What is different about the setting in the scene where the stranger delivers bad news?	10. Does this change in detail affect the outcome of the story? Explain
11. Which did you enjoy more - the end of the story, or the end of the movie? Why?	