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Spoon River Anthology Review

(You'll need your list of Literary Terms and Definitions!)

Review the epitaph of Judge Somers (p. 18):

1. The epitaph of Judge Somers only contains one end punctuation mark. Grammatically, it is only a single interrogative sentence. Which literary device is illustrated by the sentence?
2. Who are "Blackstone and Coke"? (Use the glossary.)
3. The reference to these historical figures is an _____.
4. What bothers Judge Somers?
5. In the game, what tasks do you have to complete to put the spirit of Judge Somers at peace?

Review the epitaph of Chase Henry (p. 16):

6. Describe Chase Henry's voice in this epitaph. (How does he feel?)
7. Write an example of *alliteration* found in Chase Henry's epitaph.
8. What does Chase Henry want everyone to know?
9. From the context of this poem, you can tell that *redounded* means _____.

Review the epitaph of Editor Whedon (p. 90):

10. According to Editor Whedon, what kinds of things does a newspaper editor do?
11. What is the name of the literary device used throughout the epitaph by which the editor compares himself to one of the Greek actors who wore masks?

12. The first two lines of Editor Whedon's epitaph are an example of which literary device?

13. Where is Editor Whedon's grave located?

Review the epitaph of Carl Hamblin (p. 89):

14. What is Carl Hamblin's occupation?

15. Carl Hamblin's mention of the Anarchists who supported the striking labor unions is an example of _____.

16. According to Carl Hamblin, whom do the courts serve?

17. Ideally, who is punished by the "sword of justice"?

18. According to Carl Hamblin, what does the sword of justice actually do?

19. Is there any alliteration in Carl Hamblin's epitaph? (Circle one.)

Yes

No

20. In the game, what do you have to do to put the spirit of Carl Hamblin at peace?

Review the epitaph of The Town Marshall (p. 34):

21. Why did the prohibitionists make him the town marshal?

22. Why does the marshal think Jack McGuire got off with only 14 years for his murder?

Review the epitaph of Jack McGuire (p. 35):

23. How did Jack kill the Town Marshall?

24. Why is Jack moved to a jail in Peoria?

25. What is the real reason Jack McGuire got off with only 14 years for a murder sentence?

26. In the game, what do you have to do to put the spirit of Jack McGuire to rest?

Review the epitaphs of Ollie and Fletcher McGee (pp.11 & 12):

27. What did Fletcher do to Ollie? How?

28. Who died first?

29. Lines 9-20 of Fletcher's epitaph are an example of what literary device?

30. In the game, what do you have to do to put the spirit of Ollie McGee to rest?

Review the epitaphs of Cooney Potter and Fiddler Jones (pp. 46 & 47):

31. How did Cooney Potter spend his life?

32. How did Fiddler Jones spend his life?

33. Why might many people consider Fiddler Jones a failure?

34. Why is Cooney Potter unhappy with the way things turned out for him?

35. In the game, what do you have to do to put the spirit of Cooney Potter to rest?

Review the epitaphs of Elsa Wertman and Hamilton Greene (p. 79):

35. What does Hamilton Greene not know?

36. In the game, what do you have to do to put the spirit of Elsa Wertman to rest?

37. What did Thomas Greene give to his wife to keep her from sharing the real story with the rest of the town?

Review the epitaphs of Amos Sibley and his wife (pp.81 & 82):

38. Why does Amos Sibley not divorce his wife even though she cheats on him?

39. In the game, what do you have to do to put the spirit of Mrs. Sibley to rest?

Review the epitaph of Penniwit the Artist (p.77) and answer this question:

40. Why does Penniwit not make money as a photographer in Spoon River?

41. In the game, how does Penniwit play into the issue that must be resolved for another character?