



Practice Worksheet on Shahty short story analysis

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Long Answer Questions

1. Explain how Kenjebek was captured by the Turkmens.
2. Describe the meeting between Kenjebek and Tasoul, highlighting their shared circumstances and relationship development.
3. Identify Kenjebek's tribe and explain its significance to the story.
4. Elaborate on the historical relationship between the Kipchak and Turkmen people, focusing on their interactions and conflicts.
5. Who is Atajan? Explain why he is pleased about the upcoming horse race.
6. Characterize the Turkmen people as depicted in the story, highlighting their strengths and weaknesses.

7. Summarize Tasoul's story, including his capture, experiences as a captive, and the impact on his life.

8. Describe Kenjebek's escape, emphasizing the role of the horse race and his actions.

Multiple Choice Questions

1. How did Kenjebek initially become a captive of the Turkmens?

- a) He was betrayed by a friend.
- b) His horse was frightened and he was captured during a raid.
- c) He was captured while hunting.
- d) He was sold into slavery.

2. Who does Kenjebek initially befriend in captivity?

- a) A fellow Kipchak tribesman
- b) An elderly Turkmen horse herder
- c) A wealthy Turkmen noble
- d) A Turkmen warrior

3. To which tribe does Kenjebek belong?

- a) Kipchak
- b) Turkmen
- c) Nogai
- d) Kazakh

4. What characterized the relationship between the Kipchaks and Turkmens historically?

- a) Peace and cooperation

- b) Frequent conflict and raids
- c) Trade and cultural exchange
- d) Political alliances

5. Who is Atajan in the story?

- a) A warrior
- b) A merchant
- c) A wealthy horse owner
- d) A shaman

6. How are the Turkmens portrayed in the story?

- a) Peaceful and prosperous
- b) Isolated and reclusive
- c) Proud warriors with strong traditions
- d) Poor and oppressed

7. What was Tasoul's social status at the beginning of the story?

- a) He was a free man
- b) He was a captive
- c) He was a tribal leader
- d) He was a shaman

8. How does Kenjebek ultimately escape captivity?

- a) He surrendered
- b) He negotiated his freedom
- c) He won a horse race and escaped
- d) He was released by Atajan

Answer Key

Long Answer Questions - Expected Responses

1. Explain how Kenjebek was captured by the Turkmens.

Expected Answer: Kenjebek was captured after his horse bolted during a Turkmen raid, leading to a confrontation where he fought bravely but was overpowered.

2. Describe the meeting between Kenjebek and Tasoul, highlighting their shared circumstances and relationship development.

Expected Answer: Kenjebek and Tasoul meet as captives, bonding over their shared experience and situation.

3. Identify Kenjebek's tribe and explain its significance to the story.

Expected Answer: Kenjebek is from the Kipchak tribe, a detail that forms part of his identity and motivates his actions.

4. Elaborate on the historical relationship between the Kipchak and Turkmen people, focusing on their interactions and conflicts.

Expected Answer: The Kipchak and Turkmen people engaged in frequent conflict and raids, rooted in a long history of conflict and competition.

5. Who is Atajan? Explain why he is pleased about the upcoming horse race.

Expected Answer: Atajan is a wealthy Turkmen who owned many horses; his joy stems from the anticipation and excitement of the race, believing Kenjebek's participation could enhance the event.

6. Characterize the Turkmen people as depicted in the story, highlighting their strengths and weaknesses.

Expected Answer: The Turkmen are portrayed as a proud warrior people with

distinct customs and traditions. They are horse-lovers but also depicted as harsh and unforgiving.

7. Summarize Tasoul's story, including his capture, experiences as a captive, and the impact on his life.

Expected Answer: Tasoul reveals his past as a captive and his experiences under the Turkmen, emphasizing the hardships faced and struggles endured by captives.

8. Describe Kenjebek's escape, emphasizing the role of the horse race and his actions.

Expected Answer: Kenjebek escapes by winning the horse race, using his skills and courage to seize the opportunity to flee to his homeland.

Multiple Choice Questions - Correct Answers

1. How did Kenjebek initially become a captive of the Turkmen?

Correct Answer: His horse was frightened and he was captured during a raid.

2. Who does Kenjebek initially befriend in captivity?

Correct Answer: An elderly Turkmen horse herder

3. To which tribe does Kenjebek belong?

Correct Answer: Kipchak

4. What characterized the relationship between the Kipchaks and Turkmen historically?

Correct Answer: Frequent conflict and raids

5. Who is Atajan in the story?

Correct Answer: A wealthy horse owner

6. How are the Turkmen portrayed in the story?

Correct Answer: Proud warriors with strong traditions

7. What was Tasoul's social status at the beginning of the story?

Correct Answer: He was a captive

8. How does Kenjebek ultimately escape captivity?

Correct Answer: He won a horse race and escaped