

"The Possibility of Evil" Shirley Jackson

Questions:

Answer in sentences, please.

1. Explain the significance of the title of the story.
2. What type of irony is in this story? Use evidence from the story to support your response.
3. What is ironic about the street Mrs. Strangeworth lives on?
4. Who is the protagonist in the story?
5. What could a possible theme for the story be? Use evidence from the story to support your response.
6. What is the main conflict in the story? Use evidence to support this.
7. What point of view the story being told in?
8. What kind of character is Mrs. Strangeworth? Provide 5 different character traits and examples from the story which help to prove these traits.
9. What is significance of Mrs. Strangeworth's name?
10. What do Mrs. Strangeworth's roses symbolize?
11. Explain the ending of the story: point by point.
12. Why did Mrs. Strangeworth write her letters in pencil?