

## **Questions for "The Sniper"**

1. Use the following chart to define the following vocabulary words

Word	Definition based on context clues	Dictionary Definition
ascetic		
beleaguered		
spasmodically		
reel		
remorse		

- 2. What do the following passages reveal about the sniper's character? Explain how you reached your conclusion.
  - a. The physical description of the sniper in paragraph 1
  - b. The sniper's decision to risk lighting a cigarette in paragraphs 3 and 4
  - c. The shooting of the woman in paragraph 9
  - d. The sniper's actions in paragraph 12-13
- 3. The sniper did not give a second thought about the old woman or the man in the car whom he had killed. Why do you think he was so curious about the other sniper he had killed? Support your answer by drawing on what we have learned about the sniper so far.
- 4. Identify two types of conflict found in the story, and support your answer with an example of each from the text. Which of these two is the most important conflict for the story? Why?
- 5. Identify the type of irony found at the end of the story. Why would this ending be considered ironic?
- 6. Identify a theme in the story. What in the story led you to identify this theme?
- 7. Do you think the sniper will be affected by his discovery? If yes, how? If no, why not?

## **BLOG RESPONSE:**

The sniper has just turned over his rival sniper, and has made his horrible discovery. What does he do next? In a response of 100-155 words, in a <u>first person narrative</u>, create an account of what the sniper feels and does after his discovery.