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2. Whose social attitudes are an important aspect of the story? Why do you think that is?
3. Who is described using animal images? What do you think this represents?
4. What does the lamp signify? Why do you think that?
5. What does the doll house represent?
6. What does the mutual interest of the lamp for Kezia and Else signify?
7. How is Kezia different from her sisters? Provide two reasons.

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The story is about class consciousness and social ostracism. The difference between a child’s world and an adult’s.

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Kezia’s societal attitudes are important because she questions the social norm

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The Kelveys are described using animal images; it represents their lower class as animals are a lower class from humans

1. What does the lamp signify? Why do you think that?

The lamp signifies truth – awakening. It is in contrast with the other items in the doll house, and it could also symbolize the working class – shows Kezia’s sympathetic view for the Kelveys

1. What does the doll house represent?

The doll house represents upper class society – exquisite, expensive materialistic details

1. What does the mutual interest of the lamp for Kezia and Else signify?

Signifies that Kezia and Else share the same values in society – they’re simply looking for playmates, and are not concerned with what class they come from

1. How is Kezia different from her sisters? Provide two reasons.

Kezia invites the Kelveys to see her doll house while the others did not, and she sees the significance of the lamp while her sisters did not.

**Close Reading Questions Rubric**

*(This would be on the opposite side of the previous worksheet)*

Question 1: 2 marks

Question 2: 2 marks

Question 3: 2 marks

Question 4: 2 marks

Question 5: 1 mark

Question 6: 2 marks

Question 7: 2 marks

**TOTAL: 13 MARKS**

Be sure to pay attention to spelling, grammar, and complete sentences!

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**Definitions for “The Doll’s House”**

This story uses several words that an average grade eleven or twelve student may not know. Here are a few definitions for your reference while reading the story:

* ***Line 2 -* Carter**: A driver of horse drawn vehicles; worker
* ***Line 38 -* Buttercups:** Poisonous plant common in grassland with yellow cup-shaped flowers
* ***Line 64 -* Spry**: Active
* ***Line 66 -* Gaolbird**: Criminal who has been in jail repeatedly
* ***Line 68 -* Conspicuous**: Stand out
* ***Line 70 -* Serge:** Durable
* ***Line 83 -* Shamefaced:** Feeling of shame/embarrassment
* ***Line 100 -* Mutton:** Deer
* ***Line 107 -* Flagged:** Less enthusiastic
* ***Line 123 -* Shrilled:** High-pitched voice
* ***Line 125 -* Titter:** Giggle
* ***Line 132 -* Pinafores:** Collarless, sleeveless dress tied or buttoned in the back
* ***Line 180 -* Wattles:** Rods/stakes interlaced with twigs or branches
* ***Line 182 -* Cross:** Angry
* ***Line 69 –*** **Stout:** Brave