

Discussion Question Guidelines

1. What is the Background Story (the pertinent events that took place before the beginning of the play)?
2. What is the style of the play? What did you think the play was about?
3. Did you enjoy the play? Why? Why not?
4. What about the plot? Did it pull you in; or did you have to force yourself to read the play?
5. How realistic was the characterization? Would you want to meet any of the characters? Did you like them? Hate them?
6. How would you describe the physiological (movements), sociological (status) and psychological (mental state) aspects of the characters? Did the actions of the characters seem plausible? Why? Why not?
7. What are the Given Circumstances (the important information gleaned from the dialogue, stage directions and characters actions in the play)?
8. What was the dialogue of the characters? Was it appropriate? Did it enhance the story? Did any speeches/monologues occur? Did they have high stakes?
9. How does the setting figure into the play?
10. How would the play have been different if it had taken place in a different time or place?
11. If one (or more) of the characters made a choice that had moral implications, would you have made the same decision? Why? Why not?
12. What are some of the play's themes? How important were they?
13. How are the play's images symbolically significant? Do the images help to develop the plot, or help to define characters?
14. How important or detailed were the Stage Directions?
15. Did the play end the way you expected? Did you feel that the play fulfilled your expectations?
16. Would you recommend this play to other readers? To your close friend?