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“Rikki-tikki-tavi”

Quickwrite:

Please answer the following questions with complete sentences.

1. What is the first conflict that Rikki faces in the story? (pp. 16-17)
2. Retell, #1 – Retell the events that brought Rikki to the garden. (p. 17)
3. The sentence at the top of p. 18 is an example of foreshadowing. What effect does the remark create?
4. Retell, #2 – What happens when Rikki first meets the snakes? (p. 19)
5. How does the battle with Karait build suspense and advance the plot? (p. 20)
6. Retell, #3 – What happens in Rikki’s conflict with Karait? (p. 20)
7. What information does Chuchundra indirectly reveal to Rikki? (p. 21)
8. Nag and Nagaina reveal several of their reasons for planning to kill the humans. What are some of these reasons? (p. 22)
9. How does the author slow the pace of the action and build suspense before Rikki’s final conflict with Nag? (p. 22)
10. Retell, #4 – What happens when Rikki sees Nag poke his head into the bathroom? (p. 23)
11. Why does Nagaina plan to kill Teddy? (p. 24)
12. What new twist is added to the plot when Darzee’s wife screams for Rikki? (p. 24)
13. Although everyone seems frozen in time, what dramatic conflicts are going on as Rikki and Nagaina talk? (p. 25, 1st column).
14. Why does Rikki tell Nagaina that he, not the man, killed Nag? (p. 25)
15. Does Nagaina deserve any mercy or sympathy? Why or why not? (p. 25)
16. In the fight scene, Rikki and Nagaina circle each other like boxers in a ring. How is the action building to a peak? (pp. 25-26)
17. What character traits does Rikki show by chasing Nagaina and following her into her hole? (pp. 26-27)
18. Retell, #5 – What happens when Rikki fights Nagaina? (p. 27)
19. How is the conflict resolved? (p. 28)
20. On a separate sheet of paper, make a plot map for this story.