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| **Text-dependent Questions** | **Evidence-based Answers** |
| What does it mean that Mr. White was “amiably desirous of preventing his son from seeing it?” |  |
| What does Mr. White mean by, “I should hardly think that he’d come tonight”? |  |
| Explain what the sergeant major means when he states, “it’s just a bit of what you might call magic.” |  |
| Why does the sergeant major say, “Better let it burn”? |  |
| Read the last two paragraphs of Section 1. How does Herbert’s attitude toward the paw shift after his experience with the fire? Cite specific evidence in the text that indicates where the shift occurs.  |  |
| On page \_\_\_, identify an example of foreshadowing in the story and explain what this instance foreshadows. |   |
| Why did Mrs. White go “scurrying to the door at the postman’s knock”? |  |
| What does the author mean by the “sinister meaning of the assurance” and the “awful confirmation of her fears”? How do the words “sinister” and “awful” contribute to the tone of the text? |  |
| What is the “horrible fear” that Mr. White experiences on page \_\_\_? |  |
|  Why does Mr. White say, “Don’t let it in”? What is Mrs. White’s response? | White’s horrible fear is of his son returning in a mutilated state (as evidenced by his use of “it” instead of “him”). Mrs. White cries, “You’re afraid of your own son.” |
| What is Mr. White’s “third and last wish”? Cite evidence from the text to support your response. | One can infer the final wish was for his son to return to the grave. While the text does not specifically state Mr. White’s final wish, the fact that the moment he found the paw on the floor, he “frantically breathed his third and last wish and the knocking ceased suddenly,” implies that the father’s last wish was for his son to return to where he now belongs. |