

Question Support

LITERARY ANALYSIS

For questions 1–3, see page 1007 of the Student Edition.

Directions: Answer each question.

- 4. Draw Conclusions** What conclusion can you draw about why the families change the way they feel about each other?
- ____ **a.** They begin to like each other because they are brought together by a crisis.
- ____ **b.** They both realize that their previous political beliefs were unpopular.
- ____ **c.** They change their opinions because the political situation in England changes.

5. Make Predictions

In lines 330–332, what does Mr. Jenkins say to his wife after Christmas dinner? _____

In lines 333–336, what does Mr. Hodgson say to his wife? _____

Do these after-dinner comments suggest that the men will remain friends? Why or why not? _____

6. Identify Mood

Circle the word that best describes the mood

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| a. the beginning of the story: | tense | ridiculous | mysterious |
| b. the scene of the baby's illness: | hushed | playful | frantic |
| c. the Christmas dinner: | dramatic | ominous | cozy |

7. Analyze Realism

Describe how the story comments on each of these problems:

Snobbery: _____

Prejudice: _____

8. Evaluate Third-Person Omniscient Point of View

Reread the narrator's description after Mrs. Jenkins refuses to help the baby (lines 228–246).

How does this passage show that the narrator is omniscient? _____

How would this section be different if the narrator shared only Mrs. Hodgson's thoughts and feelings? _____
