

Question Support

LITERARY ANALYSIS

For questions 1–3, see page 1169 of the Student Edition.

Directions: Answer each question.

- 4. Analyze Character Reactions** Complete each of the following sentences.

Paul's mother sees herself and her family as unlucky because _____

Paul wants luck because _____

- 5. Analyze Symbol** Underline one phrase in parentheses and then complete the sentence.

I think riding the rocking-horse symbolizes (the desire to excel, the mad pursuit of money, the search for meaning in life) because _____

- 6. Draw Conclusions** Match each character with the role that luck plays in his or her life. Write the letter for the character on the line next to the correct description.

____ 1. A negative force that deprives the character of a son

a. Paul

____ 2. A neutral force, since good luck seems to make no real difference in this character's life

b. Paul's mother

____ 3. A positive force that quickly turns negative, bringing unhappiness and death

c. Oscar

- 7. Examine Imagery** A controlling image is a single image that extends throughout a literary work. Lawrence describes Paul's eyes as "unsure," "uncanny," and "wild-eyed"

to draw attention to _____

- 8. Interpret Theme** Circle the theme that Lawrence is communicating about materialism.

- a. It is only natural to aspire to a high standard of living.
- b. The desire for money and social status can be a destructive force.
- c. Social status determines how happy a person may be.
- d. Children need to be taught not to be envious of the possessions of others.