

Question Support

LITERARY ANALYSIS

For questions 1–3, see page 1353 of the Student Edition.

Directions: Answer each question.

- 4. Make Inferences About the Narrator** Reread the last three lines of the story.

What inference can you make about the narrator at the end of the story?

- a. He has gained new insight into the problems faced by black South Africans.
- b. He is blind to the sorrow caused by the young man's death.
- c. He has learned a valuable lesson about how to resolve conflicts.

- 5. Examine Predictions** Answer the following questions.

What did you predict would happen between the narrator and his wife? _____

How accurate was your prediction? _____

- 6. Analyze Cultural Conflict** Complete the sentences.

When Albert comes to announce the young man's death, his attitude shows that he is _____

When arranging the funeral, the narrator ignores Petrus's right to _____

During the funeral procession, the narrator is embarrassed because _____

- 7. Interpret Title** Circle the phrase that tells what the title refers to.

- a. an African tradition b. an epic journey c. a burial plot

- 8. Compare Characters' Perspectives** On the back of the sheet, create a two-column chart with these headings: "Story told from Lerice's Perspective," "Story told from Petrus's Perspective." Complete the chart to show how the story would be different if told by another narrator.