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## The Interlopers

### Comprehension Questions

*Directions: Answer the questions below in complete sentences.*

1. For what or whom is Ulrich von Gradwitz searching at the beginning of the story?
2. Why is there a feud between the Gradwitz and Znaeym families? How long has this feud lasted? Why has it lasted so long?
3. Explain the cause of the feud between the families of Ulrich von Gladwitz and Georg Znaeym.
4. What brought the two men out into the disputed territory that night? What happened to them?
5. Why was Ulrich not able to shoot at his enemy?
6. At first, how did the two behave toward each other? Why? What threats did they make to one another? What was the truth behind their threats?
7. What did Ulrich tell Georg? What do you think prompted this change of heart?
8. How did Georg respond? Why do you think he had a similar change of heart?

9. Why did each man hope that his friends would be the first to arrive to rescue them?

10. In the end, what was surrounding the two trapped men?

11. Find an example of flashback in "The Interlopers".

12. From which point of view is the interlopers written?

### **Think Critically**

13. In "The Interlopers" Saki does a good job of misleading the reader about the outcome of the story. What are two events he does that are misleading?

14. With whom did you sympathize: Ulrich, Georg, neither, or both? Explain your response.

15. Considering the cause of their predicament, do you think the two men deserved their fate? Why or why not?

16. Which of the following quotations best presents a view that is reflected in this story. Explain how you could use "The Interlopers" to support the view expressed in the quotation you chose.

☐ He that diggeth a pit shall fall into it. —Ecclesiastes

☐ Anger is never without a reason, but seldom with a good one. —Benjamin Franklin

☐ Hating people is like burning down your own house to get rid of a rat.—H. E. Fosdick

**Analyzing Literary Devices: THEME**

17. What theme is being communicated in the story?

18. Do you think the theme is implied or stated?

19. Give three examples of clues that reveal the story's theme:

<b>Type of clue</b>	<b>Example from the story</b>
<b>Words</b>	
<b>Characters' Actions</b>	
<b>Ideas</b>	

20. Below, in one paragraph, explain one of the themes that the author is making. (about hatred, friendship, forgiveness, etc.). Use examples from the story.

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## **Analyzing Literary Devices: IRONY**

21. Many scholars characterize the conclusion of the story as a surprise ending. Explain the surprise and the effect it has on readers.
  
22. What do you think happened to them? Why?
  
23. How could this be considered ironic?
  
24. Why do you think the author chose to end the story this way?
  
25. What type of irony is this?