

## Monkey's Paw Study Guide

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

- I. **VOCABULARY:** Be able to define the following words and understand them when they appear in the story and in class discussion.

placidly

amiably

desirous

grim

condole

rubicund

visage

proffer

talisman

malign

dubious

credulity

avaricious

furtive

inaudible

**II. LITERARY TERMS:** Be able to define each term and apply each term to the story.

1. Foreshadowing:
2. Give an example of foreshadowing from the story.
3. Fate:
4. Explain how fate plays a role in "The Monkey's Paw."
5. Irony:
6. Explain the use of irony in this story. (What situation was ironic?)
7. Explain a cause/effect relationship between 2 events in the story
8. What was the main type of conflict in this story? How do you know?

**III. QUESTIONS:** Answer the following questions.

1. What is important about the title?
2. How does W.W. Jacobs reveal character in "The Monkey's Paw"?
3. What are two symbols in "The Monkey's Paw"? How do they relate to the plot and characters?

4. Do you find the characters likable? Are the characters persons you would want to meet?
  
5. Does the story end the way you expected? How? Why?
  
6. What is the author's purpose for writing this story?
  
7. How essential is the setting to the story? Could the story have taken place anywhere else?
  
8. What is the role of women in the text? How are mothers represented?
  
9. Would you recommend this story to a friend? Why or why not?