

Focus Questions for Short Story Responses

Choices

- What do you think the author Susan Kerslake is saying about the relationship between Peggy and Ken?

House

- How does the author create humour? Give examples of dialogue and situations from the story that you think are amusing, and explain why?

The Tell-Tale Heart

- After reading the short story and watching the cartoon version of The Tell-Tale Heart, explain why you preferred one version over the other? Use quotes or evidence to support your ideas in your writing.
- Between Ken from "Choices" and the protagonist from the "Tell-Tale Heart" which character did the most despicable act?

The Metaphor

- In one sense this story is about Charlotte's coming of age. Discuss this idea using many references from the story to support your opinion.

Forgiveness in Families

- This story explores issues such as sibling rivalry, lifestyles, jealousy, conformity, and spiritual beliefs. Choose one issue and write about its importance in the story.

The Doll's House

- What does this story say about material possessions, social values, and class divisions? Do the story concerns apply to our Canadian society?

Harrison Bergeron

- Discuss your ideas for a perfect society. Is it possible to create such a society?