

Day of the Butterfly Questions

Complete the following questions on a separate sheet of paper. Please type the final copy for marking.

1. This story is told from a first person point of view. This point of view develops an unreliable narrator; however, it also helps the reader to enter into the thoughts and experiences of the narrator. Explain the effectiveness of the first person point of view, as well as the limitations from this point of view. How would the story change if it was told from an omniscient point of view? (3 marks)
2. Is the narrator a static or dynamic character? Is she round or flat? Defend your answer with specific examples from the story. (4 marks)
3. Is Gladys Healy a flat, round or stock character? Defend your answer with specific examples from the story. What is the purpose of developing her in this manner? (4 marks)
4. What does the butterfly symbolize to Helen? To Myra? Describe the significance of this symbol to both characters. (5 marks)
5. Why do you think the butterfly is mentioned in the title and then once in the story and then never again in the story? (3 marks)
6. The back porch is also a significant symbol in the story. The story ends with a reference to the back porch at the school. What does this symbolize? (5 marks)
7. Think about the changes the protagonist undergoes in the story. Think about what central idea comes out of the story. Develop a possible theme statement for this story. (When...Then...Which) (5 marks)