

THE HORRIFIC TALE OF GREAT UNCLE STILTON

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Sarah's Dream (The Octagonal Room) Looking at the poem

To help you there is one question for each page of text

Date _____ Name _____

LEARN: You might already know this...

Stories (novels) are usually set out in sentences and paragraphs to make them easier to understand.

Poems, like rap or songs are divided into verses or you can call them stanzas.

1. After we hear about Gary's dream the narrative suddenly changes to poetry. Why do you think this is?

2. What word in the first verse of the poem suggests that Gary and Sarah could be dreaming similar things? Use speech marks to quote. " "

3. Whose voice is calling, "Come on my princess..." in verse two? _____

4. Why is the weeping girl singing in the third stanza? Use speech marks to quote.

5. In the fourth verse, why do you think the girl/Sarah hears a tropical bird? **THINK BACK TO CHAPTER ONE**

6. What do you think is happening in the dream, in the fifth stanza when a, "warm hand" enfolds her" and "takes her" somewhere?

7. In verse 6 who do you think the three people might be?

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8. Try reading the poem aloud. You could read it in pairs or as a group of three. You could read it all together or read different sections each. Or just read it to yourself .SEE IF YOU CAN FIND THE RHYTHM. Now you should be able to answer this - What happens to the poem in the last verse?

9. What does, "It was 7:59" tell us? _____

EXTENSION WORK: CHOOSE ONE OR TWO OF THE FOLLOWING

Illustration

On a plain piece of paper draw Sarah's dream and try to suggest how it turned into a nightmare.

Write a poem that tells Gary's Dream.

It could be about a beautiful girl who he meets up with, who then disappears. It could be about his father's tragic death. It could be about Stilton. It could be a mixture of all three.

Write a letter Email or long text. Do you believe dreams have meanings? Some people do. Imagine Sarah is a friend of yours. Write a letter to her explaining what you think each part of her dream is about.

Write a story that involves two people having the same dream.