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Questions for "The Scarlet Ibis"

For each of the following questions, use at least 1 quote from the story to support your answer:

1. What are some of the sensory images used in the first few paragraphs of "The Scarlet Ibis"?
2. How would you describe the narrator's attitude toward Doodle?
3. What are 2 different conflicts in the story "The Scarlet Ibis"?
4. In "The Scarlet Ibis", why does the narrator set such demanding goals for Doodle?
5. In "The Scarlet Ibis", why does Brother leave Doodle in the rain?
6. In "The Scarlet Ibis", why did Doodle die even though he lived past his challenges in life?
7. In the story "The Scarlet Ibis", what is the theme of the story?

8. Do you think that the narrator is to blame for Doodle's death in "The Scarlet Ibis"? Why or why not?

PARAGRAPH ASSIGNMENT (at least 8 sentences): **Using at least 2 quotes from the story**, explain how the author (Hurst) uses foreshadowing to hint at the outcome of the story.

Foreshadowing is *the use of clues that hint at what will happen next in a story.*

Be sure to integrate at least two quotes into your paragraph. A literary analysis paragraph should be structured as follows:

I. Topic Sentence/Thesis: Identify what you are trying to demonstrate or prove in the paragraph. Be sure to introduce the author and title in the topic sentence.

EX: In the story, "The Scarlet Ibis," author James Hurst uses foreshadowing to...

II. Support and Quotes: Introduce the first example of foreshadowing from the story. Do not summarize plot. Then use a quote to demonstrate the example. Be sure to use a speaker tag to tell who is speaking. Set the quote off by a comma and be sure to place the quote in quotation marks. Use present tense for literary analysis. Then analyze why the quote/quotes help answer the question. When analyzing, do not say, "This quote means..."

Transition to your second example of foreshadowing and follow the same rules as above.

III. Concluding sentence: Close your paragraph with a statement about how effective Hurst's use of foreshadowing is overall.