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The Monkey's Paw

6. What do you think happened at the end of the story? Why does Mr. White beg his wife not to let "it" into the house? What does he mean? What is he afraid of? Why or what was outside of the house?

7. What monkey Jacobs' style of writing did you like? Read the following passage and think about how he puts his words together to create a mood. Underline words or phrases that seem important to you.

"...and a horrid idea from that his wife soon had being his youngest son before him ever he could escape from the pain seized upon him, and he caught his breath as he found he had lost the direction of the door. His brow cold with sweat, he felt his way toward the table, and a cryed along the wall until he found himself in the small passage with the unwholesome thing in his hand."

8. How does Jacobs set the mood and/or tone of the story? How does he build suspense? Think about the way he uses silence as a way to create a mood. What does he describe at the end as the husband and wife lie in bed waiting for their wish to come true?

9. List three questions about the story that are still puzzling you. Think about character's actions, motives, outdated expressions, details, etc. that don't make sense for you.

List the questions here: