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The Monkey's Paw

1. Why does the story start with the father and son playing chess? Does the father's strategy at the chess game tell you anything about his personality? If so, what?

2. Not many of the characters' actions you feel are significant on the chart below. What moments can you draw about each of the characters from analyzing their actions?

Character	Important Action	Conclusion you can draw about the actions of this character
Mr. White		
Herbert White		
Sergeant-Major Morris		

3. Sergeant Major Morris describes the monkey's paw in this way: "It had a spell put on it by an odd folk... a very holy man. He wanted to show that fate ruled people's lives, and that those who interfered with it did so to their sorrow... What does Morris' statement mean when you first read it? What does it mean after you have read the entire story? Is his comment significant? If so, why?"

4. Why does Mrs. White try to throw the paw away after the first round why do the Whites react so strongly?

5. What happens to Herbert White's