

Language Arts 8
Short Stories: The Veldt

Answer the questions using complete sentences:

- 1) What do you sense the author's attitude toward technology is? Is it a blessing or a curse? Provide evidence from the novel.

- 2) What kind of relationship is there between the children and their parents?

- 3) Why is the nursery more important to the children than their parents?

- 4) Why do the children go into hysterics?

- 5) What happens to George and Lydia? Why?

- 6) What personal belongings do George and Lydia find in the nursery?

- 7) Why does the children's preference for the nursery so worry their parents?

8) Why do George and Lydia finally realize that the screams in the nursery were so familiar?

9) Have your parents ever denied you something that you wanted more than anything in the world?

10) How is “abandonment” a theme in this story? Who is abandoned? Is there more than one abandoned character?

11) Do current technologies create generation gaps, if so how? If not, why?

12) What concerns do parents have today about their children? Are these concerns legitimate?