

"The Interlopers" by Saki
Open-Book Test

Short Answer Write your responses to the questions in this section on the lines provided.

1. As "The Interlopers" begins, what is Ulrich's mood? Why does he separate himself from his foresters? Give evidence that leads you to make these inferences.

2. Early in "The Interlopers," a disputed piece of land is described as precipitous. Explain why the land is therefore valuable only for the feud that it represents. Base your answer on the meaning of *precipitous*.

3. Reread the second paragraph of "The Interlopers," focusing on the final sentence. What else, besides the presence of Georg Znayem, might explain the "disturbing presence" in the forest?

4. Early in "The Interlopers," how does Saki use an element within the setting to introduce the first irony of this story?

5. Review the conversation that occurs in the middle of "The Interlopers," when Georg and Ulrich first speak to each other. Give examples of their words that help you infer the hatred that the two men have for each other.

6. Reread the three paragraphs found well into "The Interlopers" that begin with "Both had now given up the useless struggle." Complete this chart with information about the action taken in this passage and the response it gets. Then answer the questions that follow the chart.

Character	Action	Inference
Ulrich		
Georg		

Which character would you describe as a peacemaker? _____

Why is he your choice? _____

7. Reread the paragraph near the end of "The Interlopers" in which Georg imagines the two men's new lives as friends. Why might readers consider this description ironic? Cite evidence from the story to support your answer.

8. When Ulrich and Georg shout for help at the end of "The Interlopers," the narrator describes the sound as "a prolonged hunting call." In what sense does that description prove to be ironic?

9. Compare the beginning and the end of "The Interlopers." In what sense are these two story parts similar? In what sense are they different?
