**The Pearl - Study Guide**

**Brown book - p.709-760**

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**Plot**

1. All of the following are true about Kino's early morning except... a) he and his wife don't speak to each other.  b) he sighs with satisfaction.  c) he sings songs.  d) he has corncakes and pulque for breakfast.
2. All of the following are true about the doctor except...a) he is fat.  b) he is greedy.  c) he likes religious things.  d) he is mean but skilled.
3. The first words spoken in the book by either Kino or his wife are... a) "Scorpion. The baby has been stung."  b) "The doctor. Go get the doctor."  c) A mixture of ancient magic and a Catholic prayer. d) "No!"
4. What is the effect on the town when Kino finds the pearl?  a) Everyone is happy for Kino.  b) No one can believe it.  c) Everyone starts being nice to each other.  d) The atmosphere of the town becomes poisonous.
5. Kino's finding of the pearl makes the priest think of\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, the doctor thinks of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, the  beggars think of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
6. What do the townspeople think of Kino's decision not to sell the pearl?  a) They think he is being foolish.  b) They think that the pearl dealers will never deal with him again.  c) They think that he is being courageous.  d) All of the above.
7. Juan Tomas says that Kino didn't just defy the pearl buyers, he...?
8. What does Kino do when he catches Juana trying to throw the pearl back?
9. When does Juana know instantly "that the old life was gone forever"?
10. Arrange in chronological order: a) Kino discovers a hole in his canoe.  b) Kino refuses the pearl dealers.  c) Juana tries to throw the pearl away.  d) Kino is attacked. e) Kino is attacked and kills a man.
11. (Quote.) What is Kino's answer to every worry Juana has?
12. Arrange in chronological order.  a) Kino's house is burned.  b) Kino finds a hole in his boat.  c) Kino and Juana take off to the north. d) Kino and his family hide with Juan Tomas.  e) Kino and Juana head for the mountains. f) Kino beats Juana.  g) Kino is attacked and kills a man.

**Characters**

Which character (s) from The Pearl is described below?

1. . He offers his services only after he hears of Kino’s pearl.
2. He reminds Kino that his name is in the Bible.
3. They try to cheat Kino.
4. Tries to convince Kino to get rid of the pearl.
5. Tries to throw the pearl into the sea, but is caught.
6. They hope to share the offerings people give at church.
7. She is Kino’s sister-in-law.

Name each character from The Pearl.
   20. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ thinks that Kino is messing with the whole structure of their society.
   21. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ironically makes Kino hear the Song of Evil when he visits.
   22. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ treats Kino like a child after he is attacked, and kills a man.
   23. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ said, "Do you keep this pearl in a safe place? Perhaps you would like me to put it in my safe?"
   24. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is "a caller of good mornings, a ceremonious shaker of hands, a jolly man who knew all jokes and yet hovered close to sadness...for he could remember the death of your aunt..."
   25. Put questions 20-24 in chronological order.

**Author**

1. Who wrote The Pearl?
2. Where was this author born? When did The Pearl’s author live?
3. Which college did this author attend and what degree did he earn?
4. What two major awards did The Pearl’s author win for writing?
5. Where are most of this author’s stories set?

**Literary Terms**

1. conflict
2. irony
3. metaphor
4. personification
5. simile
6. symbol
7. theme

**Vocabulary**

1. estuary
2. lethargy
3. parable
4. poultice
5. writhe
6. germane
7. lucid
8. speculative
9. petulant
10. suppliant
11. monolithic
12. indigent
13. feinted
14. judicious
15. furtive