**Lesson #4** – Complete the comprehension questions for “The Monkey’s Paw.”

Directions: Read and answer each question.

1. What important information about the characters is shared in the exposition of this story?
2. Who comes to visit? Describe him.
3. What information does Sgt. Major Morris share about the monkey’s paw? Why was a spell put on it?
4. What does Sgt. Major Morris tell us about the previous wisher? How might this foreshadow danger in the future for the Whites?
5. What is the Whites’ attitude towards the paw at first? Use evidence from the text.
6. What is Mr. White’s first wish? What do you predict will happen as a result?
7. How does the mood change when the Whites go to bed? What words does the author use to evoke this changed mood? How might this foreshadow future events?
8. What happened to Herbert the next day? Why does Ms. White shriek when she hears the amount they will receive?
9. After the accident, do you think the Whites will wish again? For what? Would you wish again?
10. Why do the White’s argue about the next wish? What is Mr. White afraid of? Use evidence from the text in your answer.
11. What was Mr. White’s second wish?
12. What was Mr. White’s final wish? What clues can you find in the text that reveal his reasoning?
13. What is the climax (turning point) of this story? Explain.
14. In your opinion, what is the major conflict in this story? Why do you think this?
15. Discuss one way that the author creates mystery, tension, or surprise. Use evidence from the text.