

Suspenseful Stories Study Guide

Define these literary terms:

Suspense

Mood

Who wrote “Rain, Rain Go Away”?

Identify the following characters from “Rain, Rain Go Away”:

Lillian Wright

George Wright

The Sakkaros

Identify three ways the Sakkaros act strangely.

Identify two times in the story when the Sakarros seem overly worried about the weather.

What do the Sakkaros eat at the fair?

What makes the mood of the story more suspenseful on the ride home from the fair?

Explain two ways the author built suspense in this story.

Who is the author of “The Dinner Party”?

In what country is this story set?

What were the colonel and the young girl talking about at the beginning of the story?

Why is the American at “The Dinner Party”?

What did the scientist first notice was amiss at the dinner party?

What animal was in the room? What clues helped the naturalist figure this out?

How did the hostess know about the animal in the room?

How does the hostess's behavior relate to the conversation at the beginning of the story?

Identify three parts of this story that help build suspense.

Who wrote "A Running Brook of Horror"?

To what animal does this title refer? Why would the animal be called "A Running Brook of Horror"?

Is this selection fiction or nonfiction?

Give details about Grace Wiley's personality, behavior, and appearance.

Which animal does Grace Wiley call the King of Kings?

What did Grace Wiley do just before she was bitten?

What kind of snake bit her?

What steps were taken to save her?

Why did Grace Wiley move from job to job so much before she settled in California?

Is Grace Wiley brave or foolish to risk her life handling snakes? Support your opinion with details from the story.