

“What’s a Prank to Some Is Hell to Others”

Analysis Review

1. Highlight in pink the topic and closing sentences.
2. Highlight all auxiliary verbs outside the topic and closing sentences in yellow.
3. Identify the type of each of the ten sentences by doing the following:
 - a. Cross out all prepositional and infinitive phrases.
 - b. Underline the verb of each clause twice and its subject once.
 - c. Bracket the clauses and LABEL each above it as either an IC or a DC.
 - d. Answer below what each type represents: S, CD, CX, or CD-CX.

_____ 1. _____ 4. _____ 7. _____ 10.
_____ 2. _____ 5. _____ 8.
_____ 3. _____ 6. _____ 9.

4. Below, state each CD supporting the topic sentence. Then, summarize and paraphrase that concrete detail.

CD1 _____

CD1 Summ/Par _____

CD2 _____

CD2 Summ/Par _____

CD3 _____

CD3 Summ/Par _____

5. For CD #_____, paraphrase and summarize all commentary about it.

CM Summ/Par _____

Summarize the main idea of the entire paragraph in one sentence: _____

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[John Mallory, the crotchety, older widower ~~across the street~~, deserves what he gets ~~from neighborhood vandals~~ each year.] He points his arthritic finger and screams obscenities at every kid who steps near his yard. Everyone must wonder whether or not the man had ever been nice to anyone. Last night the kids became more aggressive than usual when they stormed his driveway with nearly two dozen pumpkins that must have been stolen from other nearby neighbors. Though the crazy old man was not the kindest of neighbors, vandalizing his house stepped over the line a bit. He probably suffered from Alzheimer’s or just a simple loneliness from living alone so many years of his life. The worst thing the kids did to his house was the barrage of eggs splattered all over the garage and front door. Pranks are pranks and can be fun, but when kids destroy property, it just doesn’t seem as fun anymore. It affects people’s lives in ways we probably cannot even imagine at the time. Without Halloween each year, Ol’ Man Mallory, would likely live out his days in peace, but thank goodness, for his sake, Halloween only occurs once a year.