



your advantage to say nothing about tonight, whatever news you may hear in the village tomorrow. See?"

"You aren't going to hurt the squire?" asked John, anxiously.

"I hope not, but you will probably understand tomorrow," and the shabby figure strode away up the drive.

The next day the villagers were electrified by the news that Mr. Harold had returned at last.

That is many years ago now, and John Green, the head gardener at the manor house, sometimes wonders, as he watches the care with which the present squire selects an orchid for his buttonhole, whether the traveler who spoke to him on that snowy December night was not the figure of a dream.

SAMPLE



Rubric:

- 2
- Response makes a correct inference about the visitor
 - Response provides one or more appropriate quotes from the selection to support the inference
- 1
- Response makes a correct inference about the visitor
 - Response provides an inappropriate quote from the selection or lacks a quote to support the inference
- 0
- Response makes an incorrect inference about the visitor
 - Response is unable to provide an appropriate quote for an incorrect answer

Sample Student Response: Score point 2 (Correct answer and Correct support)

Correct answer—The student response should state (in their own words) that the visitor is Mr. Harold. He is hesitant to visit his father (the squire) after returning to his village when so much time has passed.

Correct support— The student response must provide one correct quote in order to meet score point 2. It should include one or more of these quotes from the selection:

- “The traveler listened attentively, and drew himself together at the end. ‘I think I will risk it,’ he said, huskily.”
- “‘Look here, young man, you will find it to your advantage to say nothing about tonight, whatever news you may hear in the village tomorrow.’
- “ ‘I hope not, but you will probably understand tomorrow,’ and the shabby figure strode away up the drive.”
- “The next day the villagers were electrified by the news that Mr. Harold had returned at last.”

EXAMPLE: An inference that can be made is that the visitor is Mr. Harold, and he is nervous about seeing his father. A quote that shows this is “ ‘I hope not, but you will probably understand tomorrow,’ and the shabby figure strode away up the drive.”



Sample Student Response: Score point 1 (Correct answer and No support)

Correct answer— The student response should state (in their own words) that the visitor is Mr. Harold. He is hesitant to visit his father (the squire) after returning to his village when so much time has passed.

No support—The student response lacks one correct quote. It uses an incorrect quote or does not include a quote from the selection to support their answer.

EXAMPLE: The visitor is the squire’s son, Mr. Harold. He has come back after staying away a long time.

Sample Student Response: Score point 0 (Incorrect answer and Support does not matter)

Incorrect answer—The student response makes an incorrect statement about the visitor.

Irrelevant support—The student response is unable to support an incorrect answer (even if a correct quote is provided).

EXAMPLE: The visitor is trying to protect the squire from Mr. Harold. A quote that shows this is “The next day the villagers were electrified by the news that Mr. Harold had returned at last.”