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Test: *The Scarlet Ibis* by James Hurst

1. How old was William Armstrong when he was given his name?
 - A. Nine months
 - B. Three months
 - C. Six months
 - D. One year

2. How old was William's brother, the narrator, when he was born?
 - A. five years old
 - B. seven years old
 - C. two years old
 - D. six years old

3. What literary term best describes the way the story is written?
 - A. foreshadowing
 - B. third person
 - C. flashback
 - D. historical fiction

4. How does the narrator know that William Armstrong is "all there"?
 - A. When he begins to crawl.
 - B. When Daddy put the coffin in the barn loft.
 - C. When he grinned at him through the bed posts.
 - D. When Daddy made the go-cart for him.

5. How does the narrator come up with William Armstrong's new name, Doodle?
 - A. Because of the way he smiles
 - B. Because he looks like a bug when he crawls backwards.
 - C. Because he thought Doodle was more fitting for a baby.
 - D. He wanted something that sounded more fun.

6. What did Daddy have Mr. Heath build for Doodle when he was first born?
 - A. A coffin
 - B. A go-cart
 - C. A crib
 - D. A leg brace

7. What must Doodle do in the loft in order to have his brother help him down?
 - A. Eat the Paris Green rat poison
 - B. Wake up the screech owl
 - C. Touch the coffin
 - D. Walk on his own

8. How old is Doodle when he learns to walk?
 - A. One
 - B. Three
 - C. Six
 - D. Five

9. What other things did the narrator want to teach Doodle?
 - A. How to shoot a bow and arrow, hunt and fish
 - B. How to play jacks and spades
 - C. How to swim, box and climb trees
 - D. How to read and count before he starts school

10. What is the deadline for those accomplishments?
- A. One week
 - B. One month
 - C. Autumn
 - D. One year
11. What was the strange croaking noise they heard in the yard when they were eating lunch?
- A. The grindstone
 - B. The cotton gin out in the fields
 - C. The scarlet ibis in the bleeding tree
 - D. Aunt Nicey rocking in her chair on the porch
12. From what regions did Daddy say the scarlet ibis was from?
- A. South America to Florida
 - B. Michigan to Ohio
 - C. Mexico to California
 - D. North America to South America
13. How did Daddy think it got to their farm?
- A. It was separated from the rest of its flock
 - B. It got carried there by a storm
 - C. It was brought there by a neighbor
 - D. He had no idea
14. What did Aunt Nicey say about birds?
- A. They were a sign of hope
 - B. They are good for getting rid of bugs
 - C. They are bad luck, especially red ones
 - D. They are great pets
15. When Doodle falls down after getting off the skiff, why does he smile ashamedly at his brother?
- A. Because he didn't swim that day.
 - B. Because he had failed
 - C. Because he fell down
 - D. Because he was afraid of the crabs
16. Why does the narrator leave Doodle in the woods?
- A. He wanted to play a prank on him
 - B. He wanted Doodle to be able to find his way home by himself
 - C. He felt angry that Doodle was still physically weak
 - D. He heard Doodle tell him to go away

Essay Response: Select one thesis for the story, than write a paragraph explaining your stance,

The narrator was a good brother. Or The narrator was a bad brother.
