The Other Foot

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Learning Outcomes

- Identify and describe the features and the way a plot is structured.
- Identify and describe key characters and their motivation.
- Explain the effectiveness of the language used in this story.
- Identify and describe the key themes and explain what the author wants us to think about.
GETTING READY FOR THE STORY

Necessary Vocab:
- Lynch-
- Prejudice-
- Revenge-
* Pick 1 of the 4 possible journal topics below.

1. What bothers you the most about race relations in our country?
2. Do you think there is a solution to the problem?
3. Do you think white people would be ok with being treated the way black people were treated back then?
4. Do you think racism is the same as it was back then, or has it gotten better or worse?
Jim Crow laws enforced separate facilities for blacks and whites. Here are samples of the laws enacted by various states.

- No person or corporation shall require any white female nurse to nurse in wards or rooms in hospitals, either public or private, in which negro men are placed.

- The marriage of a person of Caucasian blood with a Negro, Mongolian, Malay, or Hindu shall be null and void.

- The schools for white children and the schools for negro children shall be conducted separately.

- The conductor of each passenger train is authorized and required to assign each passenger to the car or the division of the car, when it is divided by a partition, designated for the race to which such passenger belongs.

?? Which Jim Crow law seems the most unfair?
The story is set in a small town on Mars in 1985, where all its inhabitants are black. The people flew to Mars twenty years ago to get away from Earth because they were being treated so badly by the white people, and since then, they had lived quite happily on their own.

The Martians learn that a white man is coming and start to plan their revenge.
POST-READING QUESTIONS

1. Explain how Hattie’s actions demonstrate she’s a good wife, mother, and person. Textual evidence is required.

2. Describe how time is handled in the story. Is it chronological? Are there flashbacks?

3. Explain how the language of the characters helps to describe them. Give an example to support your answer.

4. Describe the tone of the story. Is it positive, negative, menacing, scary etc? Explain why you think this.
E S S A Y

Describe a main **idea** in the texts. Explain why this idea was important to you.

OR

Describe an **important event** in the texts. Explain how this event helped you to **understand** an **important idea** (or **ideas**) in the text.
Revenge is seen in the story when Willie wants to treat the white man badly because of the way the black were treated on Earth. Revenge can seem like a good way to deal with a situation but it can lead to retaliation and a worsening crisis.

Revenge can result in long lasting bitter feelings and anger which does not affect anyone but the person harbouring the grudge. It can have a negative impact on your health.

Fortunately Willie is encouraged by Hattie to forgive the white man. When Willie understands that the white man has been through a bad time he realises that he has been punished enough and chooses to forgive.

A. Which is the easiest/hardest to do?
B. Which one requires the most energy?