



“The Scarlet Ibis”

Journal Questions

Make sure that “The Scarlet Ibis Journal Questions” has been added to your journal’s Table of Contents page underneath “Theme Writing #1”. For each number below, copy down and underline the underlined portion of each question. Always answer in *complete* sentences, or the response will not be awarded with any points.

The Facts

Answer in **1-2 complete sentences** for credit.

1. Why does the narrator teach Doodle to walk? Why does the narrator cry when his family congratulates him for his efforts?
 2. After Doodle has learned to walk, what does his brother teach him to prepare him for school?
 3. How does Doodle respond to the scarlet ibis’s appearance and death?
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Literature Terms

Write the term and underline it. Then copy down, and **highlight** an example from “The Scarlet Ibis” for each of the following terms:

4. simile
 5. metaphor
 6. personification
 7. allusion
 8. alliteration
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Your Words

Give your informed opinion. Answer in at least **3 complete sentences**.

9. By the end of the story, who do you pity more: the narrator or Doodle?
(Start your response with “I pity _____ more because ...”)
 10. Is the narrator responsible the story’s final outcome? Why or why not?
 11. Re-read your answer to the second question from Theme Writing #1. How does your Theme Writing response relate to “The Scarlet Ibis” as a whole? Be creative and draw an interesting thematic comparison.
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Creative Writing

12. This would be a very different story if it were told from Doodle’s perspective. Pick a significant scene from “The Scarlet Ibis” and retell it from Doodle’s point of view (first person) including his senses and mindset. **Do not** simply recopy a passage changing “Doodle” to “I”; consider Doodle’s perspective and include his thoughts and feelings in the narrative. Write two full paragraphs.