

# Worksheet for “The Man in the Black Suit”

## Setting

Time:

Place:

## Characters

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## Questions

1) How old is the narrator?

2) How old was he when the events of the story transpired?

3) What does he hope to accomplish by telling this story?

4) What two conditions did the father put on the narrator’s fishing trip?

5) How was fishing that day? (Be specific.)

6) What indications do we get that the man in the black suit was indeed the Devil?

a)

b)

c)

d)

e)

7) What details does the man in the black suit use to convince the narrator that his mother is, in fact, dead?

8) Why does the author include the section where the narrator and his father return to the river?

9) The story is told in the first person, and in flashback. Although that removes the possibility of the narrator dying at the hands of the man in the black suit, King tells the story that way for a reason. What horrifying possibility is left hanging at the end of the story (and what impact might that possibly have for the reader)?