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## *High Noon* Study Guide

1. Who is coming back to town? \_\_\_\_\_
2. What is the marshal's name? \_\_\_\_\_
3. The marshal and Amy Foster are about to be \_\_\_\_\_.
4. The marshal is turning in his tin star after six years. What does that mean?  
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5. Amy is a Quaker. What do Quakers believe about fighting?  
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6. Why do you think Henderson tells Kane to get out of town this minute?  
\_\_\_\_\_
7. In his own words, why does Kane go back?  
\_\_\_\_\_
8. Frank Miller was given a life sentence for \_\_\_\_\_,  
but he was pardoned. (Note: In the screenplay, **Frank Mitchell** is given, but it was  
changed to **Frank Miller** in the actual movie.)
9. Kane tells Amy about Frank Miller that he "sent him up". What does that mean?  
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10. So if Kane sent Frank up, why are he and his gang back in town?  
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11. What is symbolic about Kane putting his star back on?  
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12. In terms of practicality, what else does Kane say about running away?

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13. What is Kane's plan after he says he doesn't want to be a hero? He says he will swear in deputies. What does that mean?

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14. Amy tries to get him to stop. When he won't, she says she will

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15. When Kane goes to see Judge Mettrick. What does he tell Kane about his plan?

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16. What does Mettrick remind Kane that Frank Miller said in the witness chair?

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17. When Kane refuses to put in a word for Harvey to get him made into the marshal, Harvey \_\_\_\_\_.

18. Why does the camera keep showing the clock?

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19. Baker says that Kane "cleaned up this town" and is surprised that no one else

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20. Helen seems to be the ex-girlfriend of both \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ . This, of course, adds the conflict and tension.

21. When Kane goes to the saloon and asks for deputies, \_\_\_\_\_ volunteers.

22. When Kane goes to the church to get deputies, \_\_\_\_\_ volunteers.

23. When Kane is asked why he doesn't arrest the three men waiting for Frank Miller, Kane says \_\_\_\_\_ .

24. Henderson says that Kane should go because if he goes, \_\_\_\_\_ .

25. Mart, the ex-lawman, tells Kane \_\_\_\_\_ .

26. Amy thinks Kane is staying because of \_\_\_\_\_ , but she tells him she hasn't spoken to him for a year.

27. Amy is a Quaker because \_\_\_\_\_ .

28. Why does the barber tell Fred to stop hammering? \_\_\_\_\_ .

29. While waiting for the train with Frank Miller on it, Marshal Kane writes his \_\_\_\_\_ .

30. At the station, Frank Miller gets off the train, and \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ get on.

31. When Kane approaches, they shoot at him, and Kane \_\_\_\_\_ .

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32. On the train, Amy and Helen hear the gunfire, and Amy

\_\_\_\_\_.

33. Kane tries to hide the stable, but they

\_\_\_\_\_.

34. Pierce shoots at Kane, but Amy

\_\_\_\_\_.

35. Miller grabs Amy and says he'll wait for Kane to come out, but

\_\_\_\_\_.

36. At the end, Kane takes his gun and badge and

\_\_\_\_\_.

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## Part Two: Interpreting Meanings Questions

1. In an **external conflict**, a character struggles with another character or with some other outside forces. What external conflicts does Kane face? Which of his external conflicts do you find most interesting? Why?

2. In an **internal conflict**, a character struggles with something in his or her own mind, usually something involving a difficult decision. What internal conflicts do Will and Amy face? Which of these do you find most interesting?

3. What moral questions, or questions of right and wrong, does the movie raise? How does it answer them? What is your opinion on each of the moral issues?

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4. *High Noon* is set in a specific place and time, and it shows a way of life that no longer exists. Yet many people believe that it has a timeless **message**. What does the movie suggest about the responsibility of an individual to society? About loyalty and gratitude, when they come into conflict with self-interest? About law and order and the system of justice?

5. Some people believe that Helen Ramirez is a more interesting **character** than Amy Kane. What do you think? What does she contribute to our understanding of Will and Amy Kane?