

“The Path Through the Cemetery” by Leonard Q. Ross- Skills Check Questions

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Record answers on separate paper.

1. What is the underlying tone of the villagers’ comments about Ivan being terrible?
 - A. Frightened
 - B. Encouraging
 - C. Sarcastic
 - D. Irritating
2. Readers can infer that Ivan did not take the path home to his shack because:
 - A. He enjoyed long, leisurely walks instead.
 - B. He did not wish to disrupt the peace of the dead in the cemetery.
 - C. The path saved many minutes and was an excellent short cut.
 - D. He was afraid of the cemetery and perhaps the spirits that might haunt it.
3. In the sentence, “Ivan’s sickly protest only fed their taunts,” what does the word **taunts** most likely mean?
 - A. Derisions
 - B. Compliments
 - C. Salutations
 - D. Commendations
4. Which choice best describes what readers know for sure about why Ivan took the Lieutenant’s challenge that night?
 - A. He was drinking vodka and made a poor choice.
 - B. He was tempted by the offer of money that he could use to spruce up his shack.
 - C. He wanted to prove that he was not afraid of anything.
 - D. It is unclear why he decided to take the challenge.
5. In what way does the end of this story employ the use of irony as a literary element?
 - A. Ivan was always afraid of the cemetery, so it was ironic that he took the Lieutenant’s challenge.
 - B. Readers expect that Ivan will be fine and that he was nervous for no reason, so it is ironic when he does not survive.
 - C. Ivan is afraid of the cemetery so it is ironic that something terrible happened to him there.
 - D. The story was ironic for the Lieutenant because he ended up owing Ivan 5 gold rubles.

6. Literally, what had an implacable hold on Ivan?
- A. Vodka
 - B. Gold
 - C. A ghost
 - D. A saber

Short Response

7. Explain how Leonard Q. Ross used indirect characterization to develop Ivan.
8. What role did fear play in Ivan's death?