

I. COMPREHENSION (10 points)

DOCUMENT A

1. a) Give the narrator's name and age at the time of the story.

At the time of the story, Dell was eleven.

b) When and in which country does the scene take place?

The scene takes place in the United States in 1955.

c) Where did the narrator and his parents live at that time?

At that time, the narrator was living in Biloxi, Mississippi.

2. a) Why did the narrator's father like that place?

The narrator's father liked that place because it was close to where he had grown up.

b) Where had he worked before that?

Before that, he had worked for the Air Force.

c) What can you guess about his job?

He might have been a technician.

3. a) Explain what “the Trixy” was and when the narrator and his father would go there.

“The Trixy” is a theater. The narrator and his father would go there to see specific movies, and when they had nothing to do.

b) How long would they stay at “The Trixy”?

They would stay from 10 am to 4pm.

c) Line 13: “We would sit through everything.” What is meant by “everything?” Give at least four examples.

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In this context, “everything” can be movies like “Tarzan” (l.14), shows by “Laurel and Hardy” (l.15), “newsreels” (l.15) and documentaries such as an “old war footage” (l.15).

4. Answer the following questions. a) Who were Bonnie Parker and Clyde Barrow?

Bonnie Parker and Clyde Barrow were criminals.

b) When and how did they die?

They were killed in an ambush during the thirties.

c) How old were they when they died?

When they died, they were in their twenties.

5. What was the father's attitude on seeing the sign that read: ACTUAL BONNIE & CLYDE DEATH CAR? (Lines 31-32)

When seeing the sign, the father shows disbelief.

6. Using Read the text from line 16 to line 18. Explain in your own words how father and son would feel at four o'clock. Explain why.

At four o'clock, the narrator and his father would feel tired from having watched the screen during hours and barely moved. Moreover, they could feel the temperature drastically changed.

DOCUMENT B

7. How does the biographer show that Bonnie and Clyde's lives were not as glamorous as their legend?

The biographer recalls that Bonnie and Clyde were "incompetent" (l.10) and "careless" (l.11). Besides, they had a "hard, uneasy life" (l.11). That way, he intends to show they were not as glamorous as their legend, for they actually died in a police ambush.

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8. According to the biographer, what elements turned the lives of Bonnie and Clyde into a myth? Find at least four elements. (40 words)

According to the biographer, several elements turned the lives of Bonnie and Clyde into a myth. First of all, the two of them appeared together as a "romantic couple" (l.7-8). Moreover, they were wearing "stylish clothes" (l.8), without paying any attention to the norms. They were reckless, as they "didn't fear the police" (l.9). Finally, as extremely wealthy people, they "lived a life of glamorous luxury outrunning them" (l.9-10).

DOCUMENTS A and B

9. Document B, lines 15-16: "Soon fame would turn sour and their lives end in a bloody police ambush, but their dramatic and untimely end would only add luster to their legend." Explain in your own words how this sentence finds its illustration in Document A. (40 words)

The sentence finds its illustration in document A. In fact, "Soon fame would turn sour and their lives end in a bloody police ambush, but their dramatic and untimely end would only add luster to their legend" and it shows on their so-called genuine car. Indeed, the fact that the car is deeply damaged (bullet holes, windows broken, damaged doors, hood and tired) illustrates the violence of an ambush which resulted terrible for them. In fact, "all over it were shiny holes, and its windows were busted out, its doors and hood perforated, its tires deflated." (l.29-30).

DOCUMENT A

10. (Filière L LVA uniquement) Would the father go to "The Trixy" to please his son? Justify your answer with a quote.

The father went to "The Trixy" to please his son but he also enjoyed his time there: "newsreels and old war footage, which my father liked." (l.15/16)

11. (Filière L LVA uniquement) Lines 41-42: "Not that this would stop anybody from throwing their money away." Explain what the author implies in that sentence. (40 words)

On lines 41 and 42, the author states "Not that this would stop anybody from throwing their money away." He implies that people are throwing their money

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away by paying for visiting the car because, as his father, he is doubtful about the accuracy of the sign; it might be a fake, just in order to attract persons who are willing to believe and pay.