

By the Waters of Babylon Worksheet

A – Instructions: Using your own paper write the word and definition. Use the dictionary or the reference computer to look up the meaning of the word.

Purified

Boast

Fasting

Heap

Enchanted

Anteroom

B – Instructions: On a separate piece of paper answer the following questions. Express your answers using complete sentences.

1. When and where does the story take place?
2. Why does John travel to the Place of the Gods?
3. What does John discover when he arrives at his destination?
4. What does John decide when he leaves his destination?
5. What do you think happened in the past?
6. Which events do you think contribute the most to the narrator's coming of age? Explain your reasoning.
7. Why do you think it is forbidden for anyone but a priest to visit the Dead Places? Explain your opinion.
8. What different kinds of **conflict** are illustrated in this story? Name the type of conflict and support it from the text.

C - Instructions: Extended writing. Respond to the prompts below in essay/paragraph format or in the format required by the question (dialogue passage, short story format, etc.)

1. **Journals of the Dead:** Compose a series of journal entries that the dead man sitting at the window might have left in his safe, to be found by someone like John.
2. **Connect to Life:** Do you think it is dangerous for a person or a society to have too much knowledge? Support your opinion.