

A Possibility of Evil Worksheet

A - Instructions: On a separate piece of paper look up each word and write a definition. Use a dictionary or reference PC to assist you. Please write out the word and then the definition.

Appropriation
Banished
Consequently
Degraded
Indulgently

Potential
Proverbial
Rapt
Reprehensible
Unchecked

Daintily
Translucent
Mahogany

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

1. How does Miss Strangeworth secretly warn people about ‘the possibility of evil’?
2. Why do you think Miss Strangeworth creates her warnings?
3. How is her secret activity discovered?
4. What happens to make her cry at the end of the story?
5. How would you describe Miss Strangeworth? (give both a physical description and what you think of her from how the author has represented her thoughts, actions, feelings, etc.)
6. Miss Strangeworth thinks there is ‘so much evil in people.’ Do you agree with her? Explain your answer.
7. What do you think is the symbolism of the roses in this story?
8. Who is the antagonist in this story?

C - Instructions: *Letter to the Editor:* On your own paper, respond to the following writing prompt. Pretend that you are one of the townspeople in this story. Write a letter to the editor of your local newspaper and express your opinion about Miss Strangeworth’s behavior and about how she could make amends for what she has done.