

The Door in the Wall 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.

Denude	Insatiable	Fragmentary
Perplexed	Tedious	Overmastering
Reticent	Utmost	Intolerable
Inestimable	Discretion	Divergent
Imputation	Keen	Imperative
Negligent	Somber (Sombre)	Excavation
Irrelevant	Loath (Loth)	

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

1. How did Redmond, the narrator, become acquainted with Wallace?
2. According to his own account, how old was Wallace when he first saw the Door in the Wall?
3. What was unusual about the book Wallace looked at in the garden?
4. Besides Redmond, what other people did Wallace tell about the garden?
5. At what points in his life does Wallace rediscover the door?
6. At the time of his death, what position in the government had Wallace achieved?
7. What do you think the door symbolizes?
8. What method(s) of characterization does the author use to give the reader an image of Wallace?

C - Instructions: *Escapist:* On your own paper, respond to the following writing prompt. Some people might say a story about the supernatural has to be 'escapist,' simply making us forget the realities of life. Others might say that this particular story is about escapism rather than an example of it. Do you agree with either of these opinions? If so, why? If not, why not?