**Short Story Questions: “I bleed read” by R.S. Heath** Name\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Pre-Reading Questions:**

1. What is your perspective on good and evil in people? Are people inherently good or evil, or are all people capable of having both good and evil in them, depending on the circumstances? Explain your perspective.

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**Post-Reading Questions:**

1. The gender of the narrator is never mentioned in this story.
2. Did you make any assumptions about the gender of the narrator? Who did you picture narrating when you read the story?

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1. Does it matter what the gender of the narrator is in this story? Why or why not?

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1. Do you think the narrator is guilty in the death of the child? What parts of the story contribute to your perspective on this? Reference at least two specific parts of the text and explain why they contribute to your beliefs about the narrator’s guilt.

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1. With whom do you empathize more: President Kain or the narrator? Explain your choice.

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1. Do the characters and/or parts of the plot in this story remind you of any other works (books, movies, etc.) with which you are familiar? Again, explain.

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*For the next questions, use your handout* Dystopias: Definitions and Characteristics *to aid in your response.*

1. Look at the Characteristics of a Dystopian Society. Is the society in this story dystopian? Comment on at least three different characteristics from the handout in your response.

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5. In what ways does the protagonist of “i bleed red” conform to the dystopian protagonist characteristics? **List** the qualities that apply to this protagonist.

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