“The Anniversary Present” by Katherine Fawcett

English 12

*This story can be considered an* allegory: *a story in which the characters and events are symbols that stand for ideas about human life or for a political or historical situation.*

1. What elements of this story are allegorical? What does each symbolize? Find at least four.

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2. Find examples of each of the following (for some, simply write the relevant quotation; for others, describe which part of the story applies to the term).

a) Personification

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b) Stereotype

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c) Metaphor

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d) Simile

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e) Rhetorical question

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f) Interior monologue

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g) Onomatopoeia

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h) Irony

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g) Contrast

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h) Wit

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i) Metamorphosis

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j) Direct presentation

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k) Indirect presentation

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3. What is a possible theme of the story? How do you know this is a theme?

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4. How would you describe the tone of the story?

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5. In your opinion, could this story be considered a *farce?* Why or why not?

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6. What makes this story *didactic*?

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7. There is suggested *antecedent action* in this story. What could it be?

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8. The story ends with a pun on an *idiom.* Why is this an effective way to end the story?

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9. Would you describe the ending as happy, sad, or indeterminate, and why?

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10. Is Time static or dynamic, and why?

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11. Is Earth flat or round, and why? (Pardon the puns…)

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12. What is the *denouement* of this story?

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