

Additional Selection Questions

Differentiation Use these questions to provide customized practice with comprehension and critical thinking skills.

Easy

- 1. Identify Third-Person Point of View** What are the clues to the point of view in this story? (*The narrator uses third-person pronouns and tells the thoughts and feelings of all the characters.*)
- 2. Recall** Why is Jimmy going to Little Rock? (*He is going to order his wedding suit, buy a gift for Annabel, and give his tools to an old friend.*)
- 3. Who deserves a second CHANCE?**
What event prompts Jimmy to turn away from his life of crime? (*He falls in love with Annabel, “the finest girl on earth.”*)

Average

- 4. Predict** What details from the story helped you predict that Jimmy would be a successful shoe store owner? (*He knows about shoes from his work in prison. He is able to mingle with all classes of people. He is charming and attractive. He works hard, whether at safecracking or shoemaking in prison. He is smart, attentive to detail, and able to execute a plan, as shown by his successful criminal past.*)
- 5. Identify Third-Person Point of View** What is an advantage of an omniscient third-person narrator? (*The readers are aware of what all of the characters are thinking and feeling and often have insights that the characters do not.*)
- 6. Who deserves a second CHANCE?**
What qualities does Jimmy possess that enable him to try to redeem himself? (*He has courage, strong character, and true love for Annabel.*)

Challenging

- 7. Analyze Third-Person Point of View** How does the third-person point of view help to develop understanding of Jimmy’s character? (*Although Jimmy is a criminal, he is perceived by the readers to be a sympathetic and likeable character. This impression is created through the narrator’s description of the thoughts, feelings, and actions of other characters toward Jimmy, as well as the insight into Jimmy’s own thoughts and feelings.*)
- 8. Predict** What advice do you think Annabel’s family will share with her immediately after Jimmy cracks her father’s safe and walks out of the bank? (*Her family will likely be shocked to discover that Jimmy is not who he pretended to be and that he has a criminal past. They will also likely be extremely grateful that he saved Agatha, even though he didn’t have to.*)
- 9. Who deserves a second CHANCE?**
How is true redemption achieved? (*The author suggests that first the past must be acknowledged and brought out into the open. Then a sincere act of selflessness and courage must be done to atone for the past wrong.*)