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WORKSHEET NO: 18	Topic: MY LOST DOLLAR	Note: To be written in the notebook



"My Lost Dollar" is a humorous short story by Stephen Leacock, written in the early 20th century. It tells the story of the narrator who loses a dollar he lent to a friend and his efforts to get it back.

The narrator recalls how he lent a dollar to a friend, who gradually forgets to repay it. Over time, the narrator's frustration grows as he tries to remind his friend, but the friend either offers excuses or acts like he doesn't remember the debt.

The story explores themes of money, friendship, and human nature, using humor to highlight the awkwardness that comes with dealing with financial obligations.

Leacock's witty and satirical tone offers a clever commentary on how people handle such situations and the complexities of personal finances.

I. Answer these questions.

1. What did Todd send the speaker from Hamilton, Bermuda? What did it contain?

Ans: Todd sent him a note which merely said that the temperature is 100.

2. What prompted the speaker to meet his friend at the station when he returned from Bermuda?

Ans: The speaker met his friend at the station because he really esteemed him.

3. Why did the speaker fear that there was little prospect of him getting back the dollar?

Ans: The speaker feared that there was little prospect of him ever getting back the dollar because the speaker realizes that Todd has really forgotten that he owed the speaker a dollar as Todd meets the speaker in the same friendly and frank manner as always.

4. What recollection did the speaker say he would 'carry to the grave'?

Ans: The speaker said that he knows if anyone borrows a dollar from him, he would carry the recollection to the grave.

5. What painful thought haunted the speaker?

Ans: The speaker thought that if Todd owed him a dollar and had forgotten about it, then it was possible that he too had borrowed a dollar from someone and might have forgotten it.



II. Answer these questions with reference to context.

1. We spent the evening together, talking about Bermuda. I was thinking of the dollar, but of course, I didn't refer to it.

a. Who are 'we'?

Ans: 'We' are the speaker and Todd.

b. In what ways did the speaker refer to the dollar his friend had borrowed?

Ans: He made indirect hints like they should take a taxi or talking about currency.

c. What did the speaker finally realize?

Ans: The speaker finally realized that Todd had really forgotten the dollar.

2. I asked him one day what his trip cost him and he said that he kept no accounts.

a. What had Todd's trip cost the speaker?

Ans: Todd's trip cost the speaker a dollar and his peace of mind.

b. Is it odd that the speaker remembers all his meetings with Todd?

Ans: No, it is not odd that the speaker remembers all his meetings with Todd.

(answers may vary)

c. What is the mood of the speaker?

Ans: The mood of the speaker is discontented and dejected.

III. Think and answer.

1. What was the purpose with which the speaker wrote this passage? Cite examples from the chapter to support your answer.

Ans: The speaker wrote this passage to perhaps convey the message indirectly to his friend Todd. The last line indirectly suggests this.

2. What would you have done if you were in the speaker's place and your friend had borrowed a dollar from you?

Ans: I would perhaps have let it go if it was the first time my friend had borrowed money from me.

In "**My Lost Dollar**," Stephen Leacock explores the themes of **honesty and hypocrisy** through the interactions between the narrator and his friend regarding the unpaid debt.

The contrast between the narrator's honesty and the friend's hypocrisy underscores the story's exploration of human nature, money, and the awkwardness surrounding financial obligations. While the narrator strives to be polite and direct, the friend evades the truth, creating a humorous yet insightful commentary on how people often lack honesty when it comes to money matters.
