

A Monster Calls by Patrick Ness
Study Questions for pp 1-98

A Monster Calls

1. What was Conor dreaming just before the Monster calls him?
2. What does a yew tree represent (use a dictionary)?

Breakfast

3. Why does Conor make his own breakfast?
4. Where do the leaves come from that Conor hides in a bag in the rubbish bin?
5. Why is Conor's grandmother coming over?

School

6. Who is Harry? Anton and Sully?
7. What does Lily Andrews do that she is punished for?

Life Writing

8. What assignment has Mrs. Marl given the students in their English lesson?
9. What happened the day before Conor's mother said that they needed to have a little talk?
10. What did Lily do that Conor could not forgive?

Three Stories

11. Who is the Monster and why has he come walking?
12. What will the fourth story be? What will happen if it is not told?

Grandma

13. How was Conor's grandmother different from other grandmothers?
14. What behaviors does Conor's grandmother think are not appropriate for a thirteen-year-old boy?

The Wildness of Stories

15. What does Conor hope the Monster would do for him?

The First Tale

16. What is the beginning of the first tale?

The Rest of the First Tale

17. What did Conor think of the end of the story?

Understanding

18. What happened to Conor and his mother's plans for the new school year?

19. How does Harry's bullying of Conor change?

Little Talk

20. Why is Conor's mother going to the hospital?

21. What does she tell Conor and why?

Grandma's House

22. What kind of housekeeper is Conor's grandmother? Is this normal?

Champ

23. Why is Conor upset at what his father has to tell him?

Americans Don't Get Much Holiday

24. What did Conor do while waiting for his Grandma to get home?