

“The Possibility of Evil” –Shirley Jackson

1. How is Miss Strangeworth viewed by members of her community? Give specific examples.
2. Describe the setting of this story.
3. Give two examples of people acting a bit strangely in the story.
4. Explain the purpose of Miss Strangeworth’s letters. What sorts of things does she write about?
5. Explain what happens at the end of this story.
6. In what ways is this story similar to Jackson’s “The Lottery”?