

Period G Student Created Questions

"The Story of William Wilson"

- Why do you think William 1.0 never saw William 2.0's face until the very end of the story?
- Why did William 2.0 only show up when William 1.0 was going to do something evil? And what does that tell you about their relationship?
- What do you think William 2.0 meant in the end of the story saying "I have lost, yet from now on you are also dead?"
- Why did the fear of meeting someone like him drive him to become evil?
- What was the purpose of William 2.0?
- What might William 2.0 represent?
- How does the author portray William 2.0?
- Why does William 1.0 choose to conceal his real name?
- Why does William 1.0 describe himself as evil?
- Why didn't the people that William 1.0 controlled see the likeness between the two?
- Doppelganger literally means "ghostly double." How is the idea of a doppelganger used in this story?
- What is William 2.0's physical defect? Why is it important?
- How might the different settings in the story reflect the character of William Wilson?
- What does William resent more - having to share his name and appearance with another man, or the second William Wilson's interference with his affairs?
- The narrator claims that he was victim to a cruel fate; what sort of fate is he talking about? Is this really a case of destiny?
- Why can't the narrator escape from the second William Wilson when he flees around the world?