

## **The storm Worksheet**

### **Questions and Answers - The Storm – Set 1**

1. Who are the main characters in The Storm?
  - The main characters in the story are Calixta, her husband Bobint, their child Bibi, and Alce, a former lover of Calixta.
2. Who is the protagonist of the story The Storm?
  - The protagonist of the story is Calixta who is the wife of Bobint, and Alce, a former lover of Calixta.
3. What happened in the start of story The Storm?
  - In the start of the story, there is a raging storm approaching and Bobint and his son Bibi are shown to be caught in a store.
4. What is the theme of The Storm?
  - The theme of the short story is to describe the sexual repression of women in the 19<sup>th</sup> century. Women were forced to hide their sensual natures and desire in order to maintain the motherly image that society demanded of them.
5. What is the moral of The Storm?
  - The moral of the story “The Storm” written by Kate Chopin is that the expression of freedom, lust, happiness, and adultery does not always result in love or the failure of marriage. The themes are shown from the eyes of a woman in the 19<sup>th</sup> century which was not common since adultery was never discussed.

### **Questions and Answers - The Storm – Set 2**

6. What happens at the end of The Storm?
  - In the end, the family shown to have a lot of love laughter and happiness. When her husband presents her with the shrimps, the family of three sit down, laughing and eating together indicating a happy and content family.
7. What is The Storm story about?
  - The Storm is a unpublished short story authored by Kate Chopin and was published in 1892. It is about a stormy and adulterous affair between two former lovers who are married happily to their families.
8. What is the message shared by the author in The Storm?

- The main message shared by the author Kate Chopin in the short story The storm is the expression of feminine sexuality, passion and lust and the suppression of it by society.

9. Why did Kate Chopin not publish The Storm?

- This story was not published until the 1960s, which is almost 70 years after it was originally penned by the author. Chopin did not submit it to for publishing because the story was very scandalous and no editor would publish this without facing considerable backlash.

10. What is the internal conflict in the story The Storm?

- The conflict in the short story is of two kinds which is an internal conflict and the external conflict. The internal conflict is shown when Alce is reluctant to come inside since he knows that nothing good can come of it. He is conflicted by being alone with his ex lover whom he is very passionate about. Also Calixta is conflicted internally as she is reluctant to stray near Alce.

### **Questions and Answers - The Storm – Set 3**

11. What are the literary elements in the story storm by Kate Chopin?

- The main literary element in the short story is Symbolism. The other literary elements are visual imagery and allegory.

12. What is the climax of The Storm?

- Calixta and Alce end up have sex as their lust for each other climbs as the storm does.

13. Describe the relationship between Calixta and Alce in The Storm?

- Calixta and Alce are former lovers who have a one time affair. Due to a terrible storm, Alce is forced to take shelter Calixta's house. During the storm they end up having an affair which was scandalous at that era.

14. What is the metaphor in the short story?

- The storm is used by the two former lovers as an excuse or a reason for them to become free of their urges and to have uninhibited sex. It is shown that the more the storm rages the more their passion rages. Thus the storm is shown as a metaphor for sex

15. Does Calixta love her husband before and after the affair?

- Calixta is happy with her husband. She is shown to be very worried for their safety when they are caught out in the storm. After the affair, her feelings for her family do not change in the slightest and she is relieved when her husband and her son return unharmed. She is also shown to be joyous when her husband gifts her shrimps.

16. What does the shrimp symbolize in The Storm by Kate Chopin?

- The can of shrimp symbolizes the gender rigid roles and duties that Calixta and her husband have in their traditional marriage. Calixta is home alone during an intense thunderstorm and so Bobint purchases a can of shrimp for his wife as a sort of gift to make up for his absence.