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“The Sniper”

1. a. Divide the story into the beginning, the middle, and the end.
b. What is the focus of each section of the story?
2. a. This story has two climaxes. At what points do they occur?
b. Which of the climaxes is more important?
3. Describe the main conflict of the story. Is there more than one conflict?
4. a. What is the sniper like at the beginning of the story?
b. What details reveal the kind of person he is?
5. a. How does the sniper feel immediately after shooting his enemy?
b. Why does he want to know whom he has killed?
6. Why doesn't O'Flaherty give the sniper a name?
7. What does the last line of the story mean?
8. a. Why does O'Flaherty choose to end the story where he does?
b. Given what you know about the sniper in the story, what would you predict he does after the discovery?