

General Discussion Questions on Hardship

How is hardship introduced in the story? Is it a sudden event or a gradual development?

Are the hardships primarily physical, emotional, social, or moral?

How does the setting (time, place, social conditions) contribute to the characters' struggles?

How does hardship reveal a character's true nature or values?

Which characters grow stronger because of hardship? Which are weakened or broken by it?

How do relationships between characters change under hardship?

Does the story suggest that hardship has value or meaning, or is it portrayed as purely destructive?