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“The Lady of the Tiger” Questions

1. That does the phrase “grievous reveries” mean as it is used in paragraph 22?
	1. Painful thoughts and terrible imagined situations
	2. Hopeful daydreams and optimistically imagined outcomes
	3. Impassioned prayers for guidance
	4. Guilt-stricken moments of despair and regret
2. Which TWO phrases from the text best support the answer to question 1?
	1. “in her waking hours and in her dreams” (paragraph 21)
	2. “covered her face with her hands” (paragraph 21)
	3. “cruel fangs of the tiger” (paragraph 21)
	4. “his start of rapturous delight” (paragraph 22)
	5. “her soul burned in agony” (paragraph 22)
	6. “rush to meet that woman, with her flushing cheek and sparkling eye” (paragraph 22)
3. How does the author build suspense? Include an example from the text.
4. Which of the following statements best summarizes the effect of the author’s choice of conclusion?
	1. The author leaves the ending ambiguous; suggesting that love itself is ambiguous and undefinable.
	2. The author leaves the ending ambiguous so as to reserve any final judgments upon the human condition of love.
	3. The author ultimately emphasizes the princess’ strife over the tiger mauling her love in paragraph 24, suggesting she most likely chose the lady.
	4. The author leaves the ending ambiguous, asking the reader to reflect upon no-win situations and the implications of choosing wither the lady or the tiger.
5. What is the theme of the text?
6. Cite a piece of text evidence that proves your theme.
7. What do you think was behind the door-the lady or the tiger? What would you have done?
8. Are people changed by love? How does love influence our judgment and reasoning? Cite evidence from the text.
9. The king’s justice system does have its roots in history. In medieval Europe, accused people were made to do a “trial by ordeal,” in which one faced a life or death situation and their survival would prove their innocence, the notion being that God would protect the innocent. Knowing this, we have to ask ourselves: What is fair? How have we developed our sense of fairness and justice over time?