

R. Bradbury. Short Stories. Test

Task 1. Match the names of the characters with their actions from the stories:

Leonard Mead	Lived in a house with locked doors and windows
William Finch	Did not like the guy but had to agree to dance with him
Mr. Smith	Walked along empty streets every night
Quillan	drove the train and killed knights in the same spot every now and then
Fred and Harry	Brought a bottle with bright liquid
Clarinda	Took the money from the bank and bought new old-fashioned clothes
Margot	Had a smart and beautiful wife, and scruffy and plain-looking mistress
McDunn	Wanted to play in their smart nursery
George and Lydia Hadley	Had a beautiful wife who was a talented actress
Peter and Wendy	Made a girl be kind to a boy she did not like
Ann	Lived in a comfortable, fully-equipped house
Cecy	Used to help ships see the way in the fog
	Wrote beautiful poems

Task 2.

Describe your favourite character from one of the stories. Explain why you like this character (5-7 sentences):

e.g. X is my favourite character. He/ She appears in the story "...". He is kind/reliable etc. He works/plays/does ... etc.

Task 3.

Choose one story, **explain** what the main idea is and how the author resolves this idea/conflict (7 sentences).

e.g. I think in the story "... " the main idea is that people are very lonely. The author describes this loneliness in this way: the main character never talks to anyone. The author resolves this situation like this: the main character meets a soulmate but remains alone etc.