

Story Study Guide

1. Identify *and* describe the two (2) main characters in the story. Who is the protagonist? Who is the antagonist?
2. Why has Framton Nuttel taken a trip?
3. Who encourages Framton to embark on a journey?
4. Fully describe the story’s setting, including place and time (month and approximate year).
5. In whose home is Framton during the majority of the story?
6. Who greets him upon his arrival?
7. Vera tells Framton a ghastly story. Thoroughly summarize the story.
8. After having read “The Open Window,” is Vera’s story true? How do you know?
9. Has the trip helped Framton? Why or why not?
10. Describe Framton’s departure from the rectory. What caused his departure?
11. What explanation does Vera offer when Framton leaves the rectory? How is her explanation ironic?
12. Identify and explain one theme of the story.
13. Foreshadowing plays a major role in the story. Describe one instance of foreshadowing.
14. Why did SAKI choose to have his main character suffering from a nervous condition? Explain your answer.
15. If you were the author of this story, would you have ended “The Open Window” in the same way that SAKI did? Why or why not? Explain.