The Open Boat questions

BASIC PLOT QUESTIONS

1. Why were the four men in the small boat?

2. What does it mean that "None of them knew the color of the sky"?

2. Who is injured at the beginning of the story?

3. Who worked hard to move the boat?

4. What gave the men some hope for rescue?

5. How did the captain make it easier for the boat to move?

6. What does the seagull that approaches the boat try to land on?

7. Why is it obvious that none of the other life boats have made it back to shore?

8. Why do the men have to take the boat back out to sea?

9. How do the men feel about the results gained from constructing the sail?

10. What do the men use as a sail?

11. What do the men wonder about as they head out toward deeper water?

12. What does the man onshore do?

13. Which man did not survive the ordeal at sea?

CHRONOLOGY OF KEY STORY EVENTS

Number these events from 1-12 in the order in which they occurred in the story.

\_\_\_\_ The captain saw the lighthouse on Mosquito Inlet.

\_\_\_\_ The man on the shore saved the correspondent.

\_\_\_\_ The men exchanged addresses.

\_\_\_\_ The captain's ship sank.

\_\_\_\_ The lifeboat sank.

\_\_\_\_ The captain saw the lighthouse on Mosquito Inlet.

\_\_\_\_ The correspondent saw that the oiler had drowned.

\_\_\_\_ A man on the shore waved his coat at the men in the boat.

\_\_\_\_ The second morning arrived.

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\_\_\_\_ People come with blankets and coffee.

\_\_\_\_ The captain gave his coat to make a sail

DISCUSSION and THOUGHT QUESTIONS

1. Which character in the story do you most admire? Explain your answer.

2. What types of conflict is presented at the beginning of the story? Explain your

answer with specific details from the story.