

“The Monkey’s Paw” Pre-Reading Worksheet

1. Name of story: _____
2. Name of author? _____
3. Based on the title, what do you and/or your group think the story is about? Use your imagination! Write a 3-sentence summary of what you think the story will be about.

4. Name three objects that you and/or your group considers to be good luck.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

5. Name three objects that you and/or your group considers to be bad luck.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

6. Do the members of your group believe in good and bad luck? How many believe? How many don’t? How many are unsure?

Believe: _____ Don’t believe: _____ Unsure: _____

7. Does anyone in the group carry an object that he/she considers good luck? If so, show it to the group and name it here:

8. If you had three wishes, what would they be?

Group member 1:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Group member 2:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Group member 3:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Group member 4:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

9. What might be a negative result of any of those wishes coming true? Choose one of the groups' wishes and brainstorm the negative effects of that wish. Write your answer here:
