

Marguerite Poland
Shades
Chapter 2

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VICTOR:

1. "The ultimate purpose of the war game was for Victor to get Frances beside him on his horse, and ultimately to kiss her."
 - Comment carefully on this statement and on Victor's relish for playing the "war game". (6)
2. Did Victor deserve the thrashing he received for locking Sonwabo Pumani in the vestry cupboard? (4)

MR PLOTZ:

3. "Had he listened he might have heard Plotz laughing at his back, relishing his folly."
 - Who was Mr Plotz? Why would he be laughing behind Walter's back? (6)
 - What role does Mr Plotz play in fostering the growing relationship between Walter and Frances? (4)

FRANCES:

4. Are Victor and Frances in any way related? Explain. (4)
5. Why does Frances appear to be emotionally attached to Victor? (4)

WALTER & FRANCES:

6. Walter invented the character of Mrs Brodowski.
 - What was the purpose of this invention? In what way did Frances quickly begin to imitate this fictitious character? (5)
7. In what way was Walter's friendship more beneficial to Frances than Victor's friendship with her? (5)

ST MATTHIAS MISSION:

8. "A strange, transplanted monument to England, an imposter in the wild stretch of veld."
 - Why does Walter refer to St Matthias Mission in these terms? (4)

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