

## THE PAWNBROKER'S WIFE

**Task 1.** *Read the story THE PAWNBROKER'S WIFE*

**Task 2.** *Analyse the story, using the questions.*

1. How is the story structured? Characterize the plot structure of the text.
2. What specific features of the author's style does the text exhibit?
3. How does the author hold the reader's interest?
4. Is the plot of the story complete? How is it structured?
5. What is the main conflict based on?
6. What are the functions of the exposition?
7. What events form the complications?
8. What event is the climax of the story?
9. Does the denouement stimulate the reader to draw his/her own conclusion?
10. Does the title contribute to the message?
11. What role does the setting play in this text?
12. What method/means of characterization are used?
13. Can you easily visualize the main character?
14. What makes the main character lifelike and convincing?
15. What means of characterization are used? Which of them are more effective?
16. What markers of speech characterizing status, education, etc., are used in the text?
17. Does the title foreshadow the events in the text?
18. In what way does the text stimulate the reader's imagination?
19. What is the basic conflict in the story?
20. Is the sequencing of events chronological?
21. What makes the narrative credible?
22. Are the characters well-developed, complex or simple?
23. Where is the story set and what time-span does it cover?
24. What purpose do the minor characters serve?
25. Does the title contribute to the message?