

English 1302

Questions to Consider

“A Good Man is Hard to Find”
Flannery O’Connor

Choose one of the following questions to answer and use the notes section on the back of this page to outline your ideas.

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- What is the nature of the humor of this story?—how would you characterize it?—on what does it depend?
- Which parts of the story are realistic and which exaggerated or improbable? What is achieved by that mixture?—compared to “The Tell-Tale Heart” or “The Necklace”?
- What does O’Connor’s characterization of a specific character or characters say about the time or about views and beliefs of the time? What point is she making by using those?
- Is the Misfit a philosopher or a psychopath? Can you explain his statement that Jesus had “thrown everything off balance”?
- What is the significance of the title? How does it reflect on the overall theme?
- What is the moment of grace and what is O’Connor commenting on or criticizing with it?

<p>Your answer to the question you're using from the handout. Write it out in a clear and complete sentence that clearly relates to the question. Include the author's name and the story's title.</p>		
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<p>Concluding ideas: One or two sentence summary of your points, and then discussion of what this shows about the specific question, element you looked at, or what it shows about the human experience.</p>		