

Week 6 Assessment - Blood Brothers - Act 1 Questions

These questions are designed to help you consolidate your knowledge of the plot of the play. In order for your answers to be effective for revision purposes later in the year make sure you write in full sentences or PEEs. Use quotes where possible.

1. How does the narrator describe the Johnstone twins on page 1?
2. The narrator tells the story of the Johnstone twins in a form like the Prologue in *Romeo and Juliet*. Why do you think he does this?
3. What is Mrs Johnstone's job? Who does she work for?
4. Why does Mrs Lyons find her house 'rather large' (p.8)?
5. Find a quote on page 8 to suggest that having babies is a regular, constant thing for Mrs Johnstone.
6. How does Mrs Johnstone feel when the gynaecologist reveals that she is expecting twins (p.10)?
7. What does Mrs Lyons suggest Mrs Johnstone should do with the twins (p.11)?
8. How does Mrs Lyons persuade Mrs Johnstone to come round to her way of thinking? Look at Mrs Lyon's speeches on p.8-9.
9. What sort of agreement does Mrs Lyons make with Mrs Johnstone (p.14-16)?
10. Why does Mrs Lyons make Mrs Johnstone swear on the bible? **Clue:** Think about the situations in which people are normally made to swear on the bible.

11. Why do you think Mrs Lyons is agitated over Mrs Johnstone's fussing of the baby (p.20)?
12. What excuse does Mrs Lyons make to Mr Lyons about her not wanting Mrs Johnstone to hold the baby?
13. What does Mrs Lyons want £50 from Mr Lyons for?
14. What does Mrs Lyons say will happen if the twins ever learn of the truth (p.23)?
15. At page 23 in the play, who do you have the most sympathy for? Mrs Lyons or Mrs Johnstone? Explain your answer using quotes.
16. Where has Mickey been playing on page 25? Why isn't he allowed there?
17. How does Mickey refer to his mother on page 27? How does Edward refer to his mother on page 27? **Extension:** what does this suggest about the twins upbringing?
18. Why does Mickey call Edward 'soft' on page 28?
19. What does Sammy call Edward on page 31?
20. Why does Mrs Johnstone tell Mickey to get into the house when she meets Edward (p.32)?