

p5, Terms of *The Monkey's Paw*

theme – The theme of *The Monkey's Paw* is essentially what the detrimental effects of greed and carelessness can have, at least in the context of how the protagonists were punished as a result of their wishes made using the paw.

foreshadowing – Foreshadowing is utilized in the story when the sergeant major describes, cryptically, how he had previously used the paw, and how the third wish of the previous owner of the paw was for death. This foreshadows that the effects of the paw will be detrimental, and that it may even end up resulting in the death of one of the protagonists.

suspense – Suspense is utilized at the end of the story, after Mr. White has revived his dead son and his wife is trying desperately to let him in through the front door. He and the reader both know that this revived son would be a monstrosity, and likely try to hurt the characters, and the reader is left tense as to how the story will resolve itself.

short story – The story *The Monkey's Paw* is a short story, as it is not a lengthy story, it contains few characters, and it primarily focuses on a single event and theme (that is, the Monkey's Paw, the wishes that were made, and their disastrous side effects).

tragedy – *The Monkey's Paw* is a tragedy, as the main characters, Mr. and Mrs. White, experience great loss as a result of the wishes. Mr. White's wish for 200 pounds of currency inadvertently leads to his son's death in an industrial accident, taking away a very important part of their parent's lives. Even at the end of the story, Mrs. White is left with nothing to hope for, as she wouldn't be able to see her son revived as she had hoped to (at least not in the form she would imagine).