***Just Lather, That’s All* -- Hernando Tellez**

Reading Notes

**Short Story Focus**: character, dilemma, suspense, imagery

Power Write # 1: After reading the title, what do you think the story is going to be about?

Describe the **setting** of the story. Provide quotes to support your answer.

Based on the first paragraph, what do we learn about the **narrator**. Provide quotes to support your answer.

Power Write # 2: What do you think the Captain means by a “fine show”? What happened in the town? What in the story makes you think this?

Describe Captain Torres. Provide quotes to support your answer.

Tellez is very descriptive in his writing and uses imagery to paint a picture for the reader. List two examples of **imagery**.

Define **dilemma**:

What is the dilemma that the narrator faces? Provide quotes to support your answer.

**Putting It All Together**

**Creating Suspense**: delayed information, foreshadowing and repetition

Tellez **delays** some information in the story until later. What information does he delay and how does this create suspense? Explain.

Find two examples of **foreshadowing** in the story. Explain how this contributes to the suspense of the story.

Certain lines are **repeated** in the story. For example, the narrator repeats that he is a “good barber” and thw word “blood” is repeated throughout. How does this repetition contribute to the suspense of the story? Explain.

**Compare** and **contrast** the narrator and Captain Torres. Use quotes to support you answer.

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|  | **Narrator** | **Captain Torres** |
| *Similarities* |  |  |
| *Differences* |  |  |