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Reading Notes

**Short Story Focus**: setting, point of view, irony, foreshadowing

Power Write # 1: What does it mean to be *ruthless*? Predict what you think the story will be about.

We often think that being ruthless is not a particularly nice thing to do, but are there any circumstances and occasions when it is acceptable to be ruthless? Discuss with a partner and write down a list.

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

Describe Judson Webb. Use quotes from the story to support you answer.

Power Write # 2: Based on what you have read, predict what will happen at the end of the story. Provide evidence to support your prediction.

**Putting It All Together**

Now that you have read the entire story, go back through and look for examples of *foreshadowing* in the story. Use quotes from the story to support your answer.

From what *point of view* is the story told? Give an example to support your claim.

Explain how the ending of the story is *ironic*. What type of irony is being used?

**Written Task**

Write an alternate ending for the story. Start from "Alec was coming up from the lake and waved to him

from a distance." Do not change the point of view.