

## Mr. Whiteman -- “The Moustache” Thought Questions

**Directions:** Answer each question in complete sentences... Assignment can be typed or neatly hand-written. Follow these steps to create the correct sentence structure:

- A. Begin by restating the question in your response
- B. Create a clear stance in your answer/response
- C. You must provide textual evidence to support your stance. Remember, this is where I want you to show me genuine thought! \*\*\* We will do #1 together in class... Paragraph structure = take a stance; provide textual evidence to support your stance, and discuss your thoughts. Vocabulary and Skill words are emboldened.

1. As we have discussed, our society tends to have the belief that a person loses his/her value as they age. The way people view and treat elderly people is often very **demeaning**. Identify and discuss at least two examples in which Mike’s grandmother is treated in a demeaning way. \*\*\* We will do this one together in class and it will serve as an example to follow).

2. What **inference** can you make about the fact that when Mike returns from the nursing home he does not tell his mother about what happened there? Explain his decision...

3. Mike directly reveals a lot about himself in this story, but he doesn’t tell us why he shaves off his moustache. What did you **infer** about his reasons for the shave? (be sure to explain the symbolism and possible themes of the “shave”)...

4. Discuss at least two examples of **symbolism**. Be sure to clearly explain what each symbol represents and the role each play in the story. (use your notes on symbolism)

5. Does Mike do the right thing by saying “I forgive you, Meg”? What would you do if you were Mike? Fully explain and show me genuine thought!