

Signalman

Theme:-

- * The story revolves on the theme of uncertainty, isolation, trust and respect.
- * The narrator doesn't believe in ghosts.
- * The narrator looks for rational reasons of the sightings.
- * The setting also contributes to the Signalman's hallucinations.

Q. Answer the following

1. Describe the setting of 'The Signalman.'

Ans. The setting of the story is in a train tunnel with no sunlight. It was made with clammy stone and was eerier as you went in. The signalman lived in a 'box' as said by the narrator as it was a small room.

2. Why is the signalman shocked when the narrator calls him?

Ans: The signalman was shocked when the narrator called him as a few months ago he saw a spectre say the same thing and he was haunted.

3. What does the narrator notice about the signalman's attitude when he comes down to meet him?

Ans: The signalman was watchful and ^a keen observer. He was a dark swallow man with a dark beard. He seemed to be immersed in thinking.

4. Describe the nature of the signalman's duties.

Ans: The signalman's duties were very dangerous and could even cost a life if not done properly. He was described that nobody in England knew

his work better.

Q. Long answers
1. How does the Signalman explain the strange way in which he looked at the narrator?

Ans. Mention two incidents that happened after the appearance of the spectre.

Ans. At it after the appearance of the spectre the first time a young woman had died by the train and after the second appearance the Signalman himself was killed.

2. What are the Signalman's final questions to the narrator as he leaves?

Ans. The Signalman said to the narrator, "What was I to do?"
At it more Signalman on his solitary station! Why not go to someone with power to act!

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1. On both of these occasions, he came back I am troubled.

a) Name the lesson

Ans: The lesson is ~~at~~ "The Signalman."

b) Who does 'him' refer to?

Ans: 'Him' refers to the signalman.

c) Give the meaning of inexplicable.

Ans: Inexplicable means something you can't explain.

d) Make a sentence with 'inexplicable'.

Ans: The beauty of the garden was inexplicable.

e) Why does the addresser say, "I am ~~troubled~~ troubled?"

Ans: The signalman was confused why the spectre was haunting him.

2. That very day, as a train came screams and cries

Q) Who does 'I' refer to?

Ans: I refers to the signalman.

Q) Why was 'I' confused?

Ans: The signalman was confused at the excitement of hands and heads.

Q) Whose screams and cries were heard? What happened?

Ans: A scream came from the passengers in the compartments as a young woman had died.