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Period _____

Study Guide for Liam O'Flaherty's "The Sniper"

I. VOCABULARY: Be able to define the following words and understand them when they appear in the story or class discussion.

ascetic _____

beleaguered _____

enveloped _____

fanatic _____

lodge _____

spasmodically _____

reel _____

ruse _____

remorse _____

II. LITERARY TERMS: Be able to define each term and apply each term to the story.

Point of View _____

First person _____

Third person omniscient _____

Third person limited _____

From what point of view is the story told? Provide evidence. _____

onomatopoeia _____

example _____

protagonist _____

Who is the protagonist? _____

antagonist _____

Who is the antagonist? _____

simile _____

example _____

situational irony _____

setting _____

List all the information you can about the setting in the story _____

theme _____

What is a theme of this story? _____

III. QUESTIONS: Answer the following questions. Be sure to use complete sentences.

1. What time of day is the story set?
2. What are the names of the two sides?
3. What side is the protagonist on?
4. Why hadn't the sniper eaten since morning?
5. What risk does the sniper decide to take?
6. What pulls up in front of the building?
7. What happens to the driver and the old woman?
8. What happens to the sniper?
9. Describe the sniper's ruse to kill the other sniper.
10. How does the sniper feel about war after he had killed the other sniper?
11. What happened when the sniper threw the revolver down?
12. Who was the dead sniper?
13. How might the story be different if the story was told from third person omniscient?