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**QUESTIONS ACT I**

1. There are several references to “Larry’s tree.” Why is this tree no longer standing?

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2. How much time has passed since Larry was first reported missing?

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3. Larry’s mom, Mrs. Keller, does not want Annie to go out on any dates. Why does Mrs. Keller wish to see Annie alone rather than out dating men?

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4. Chris wants to marry Annie, but his father, Joe, doesn’t think it’s a good idea. Joe is worried about how Mrs. Keller would interpret Annie’s marrying Chris. He doesn’t know if Mrs. Keller would be able to handle it. What interpretation would Mrs. Keller give to the marriage that would make it so difficult, if not impossible, for her to accept?

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5. Mrs. Keller has her own explanation for Annie’s not yet being married. What is Mrs. Keller’s explanation for Annie’s not yet being married?

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6. Why is Larry’s tree called “Larry’s tree”?

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7. What connection is there between what Mrs. Keller dreamed and what happened to Larry’s tree?

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8. Mrs. Keller mentions a particular newspaper article more than once. This newspaper article is very important to her because it gives her hope concerning Larry. What information did this article contain that gave Mrs. Keller hope about her son?

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9. Why is Annie’s father, Steve, in jail?

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10. Toward the end of Act I, Annie gets a phone call from her brother, George, who has just visited Steve. Mrs. Keller has reason to be worried about what George might say to his sister in this phone conversation. What is Mrs. Keller afraid of here?

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11. On page 11, Joe says, “…Today a doctor could make a million dollars if he could figure out a way to bring a boy into the world without a trigger finger.” Joe is basically saying it would be great if doctors could somehow put an end to what?

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**Act I Writing Assignment: In a well-developed paragraph of at least six complete sentences answer the following question on a separate sheet of looseleaf.**

Good literature often presents us with *conflict*. By reading about a particular conflict, we are able to think about a particular situation without having to go through it ourselves. **Explain** **what you think the most interesting conflict in the play is so far.** In addition, **give your opinion** on it. **Include textual references** from the play to support your answer.