

Three-level Guide

Part I-Literal Level

Check the items below that are true facts from the short story *The Bet* by Anton Chekhov.

- _____ 1. The banker is thinking about events that occurred 15 years ago.
- _____ 2. The banker and the lawyer made a bet.
- _____ 3. The banker was imprisoned for 15 years.
- _____ 4. The lawyer was paid 2 million dollars.
- _____ 5. The events in the story happened in 1870.

Part II-Interpretive Level

Check the items below that you believe the book *implied*.

- _____ 1. It was a stupid bet that the lawyer and banker made.
- _____ 2. Capital punishment is worse than life imprisonment.
- _____ 3. The lawyer read The New Testament more thoroughly than the other books.
- _____ 4. The banker did not think that the lawyer would have been able to keep his bet.
- _____ 5. Too much reading had made the lawyer insane.

Part III-Applied Level

Check the items you think are true based on your personal experience.

_____ 1. Arguments can often get people into situations that they regret later.

_____ 2. Reading can help one to escape from the realities of life.

_____ 3. Life imprisonment is an inhumane form of punishment.

_____ 4. Solitary confinement causes the victim's personality to change.

_____ 5. Getting rich is a worthy goal in life.