

## Sample H4A

Write your answers to Section A Questions (a) and (b) here:

a) "I am like the ~~hunchback~~ <sup>hunchback</sup> of Notre Dame, my face like a gargoyle", the writer has used a simile to describe what Francis looks like. He has compared Francis to "the Hunchback of Notre Dame" to give the reader a mental image of the ~~appearance~~ appearance of Francis; the reader then will have a constant picture of ~~to~~ this in their head, which is what Cormier wants. Also, the writer uses the ~~simile~~ simile "like a gargoyle" to make the reader think of one of these ~~monsters~~ <sup>awful</sup> creatures; this is ~~what~~ <sup>because</sup> Cormier wants the audience to picture exactly what Francis looks like. Both of these quotes show he ~~is~~ thinks he's ugly and has no confidence. This means he will be feeling very negative about himself. I think this because ~~he~~ ~~is~~ if he's comparing himself to a hideous, ugly creature, he will be feeling sad and low.

"Not only to ~~hide~~ the ugliness." ~~By~~ By saying this, the writer is again, describing Francis as ~~something~~ something unattractive. By using the word "ugly" gives the impression that ~~no~~ no one wants to look at him, which ~~is~~ makes me think

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that he is a lonely person. Furthermore, Cormier says Francis wants to <sup>\*</sup>hide his identity, so the people he knew <sup>\*</sup>in Frenchtown (e.g. Nicole Renard, Arthur Rivier, Larry Lasalle) before he went to fight in the war, don't recognize him. By him saying "hide my identity" gives me the impression he has lost all self confidence and Francis ~~is~~ feels he has lost his dignity after the grenade exploded in his face. Again this contributes to my views on Francis's <sup>feelings</sup> ~~is~~ lonely <sup>and sad</sup> ~~person~~.

b) All of ~~the~~ the injuries that Francis has ~~is~~ affects his appearance ~~appearance~~ and senses." And ear-drums because I can ~~hear~~ <sup>but</sup> no ears to speak of." This quote ~~it~~ tells you that Francis's ~~ears~~ ears have been destroyed and he is only left with ear-drums. This leaves a big effect on Francis as a person as it immediately ruins his self confidence. "My nostrils are like two small caves." Francis is comparing <sup>the</sup> ~~his~~ absence of his nose to caves which means he is thinking about himself negatively; the writer has done this so the reader will feel sympathy towards Francis.

"my teeth are gone but my jaw is ~~still~~ ~~still~~ intact." This lets the reader know that the grenade has not only had an effect on his face, but an effect on his teeth too. This means he will need false teeth ~~and~~ but from Francis saying "my gums began to shrink (...)" dentures have become loose and they ~~click~~ "Shows that ~~a~~ dentures don't fix his problem.

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This could make Francis feel abnormal <sup>because</sup> ~~as~~ <sup>if</sup> he can't be fixed. The writer presents Francis's injuries in detail, ~~who~~ so the reader gets a really good idea of what he <sup>looks</sup> ~~is~~ like.