



**TED BURSA COLLEGE
SUMMER BOOK REPORT**

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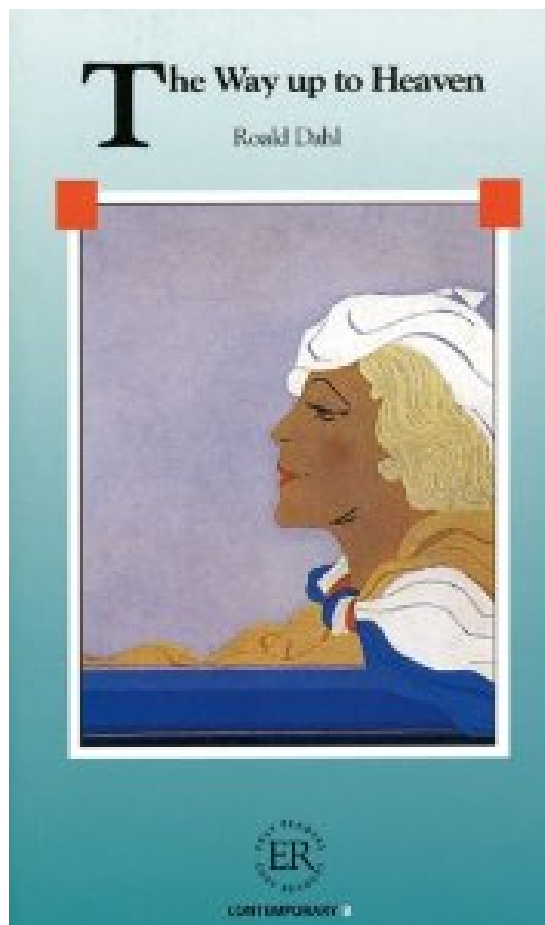
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DIRECTIONS: Please answer the following questions about your summer reader. This project will be due the first Friday of school. The answers should be typed in the following format:

- A header with your last name and page number in the lower right hand corner
- 1" margins
- 12-pt Times New Roman Font
- Double spaced

The answers must be given in a full sentence. Each section should be at least **ONE PAGE LONG**.



SECTION 1: Man from the South (pp 6-20)

I. Setting:

1. State the time and situation, including the time period in history or the season.
2. State the actual geographic location (country, home, etc.). Be as specific as possible.

II. Characters: the narrator, the young American, the man from the south and the woman:

1. State the key personality traits of each character - 2 or 3 words in a complete sentence (for example, confident, nervous, hard-working, lazy, etc.).
2. State the conflicts (internal and external) that motivate the man from the south. What is his psychology? How important is betting to him?
3. Detailed description. Answer the following questions:
 - a) What do we know about the narrator? What's his role in the story?
 - b) How would you qualify the young American's behaviour?
 - c) Who is the woman in relation to the man from the south (a caretaker, a relative, a companion, etc...)?

III. Plot:

1. Please write a summary of the story.
2. Ending – How is the conflict solved at the end of the story? What are the reactions of the characters?
3. Would you change the ending of the story? If so, how would change the ending? If not, why would you leave the ending the same?



If you were the young American, would you accept the man from the south's bet? Why, Why not?

SECTION 2: Skin (pp 22-41)

I. Setting:

1. State the time and situation, including the time period in history for each part of the story.
2. State the geographic locations for each part. Be as specific as possible.

II. Characters:

1. State the key personality traits of each character - 2 or 3 words in a complete sentence (for example, confident, nervous, hard-working, lazy, etc.).
2. State the conflicts (internal and external) that motivate Drioli. What is his situation? What choices does he have?
3. Detailed description. Answer the following questions:
 - a) How would you qualify Soutine and Drioli's relationship?
 - b) In the first part of the story, how do the two men feel about Josie?
 - c) Who do you think is the "hotel owner"?

III. Plot:

1. Please write a summary of the story.
2. Ending – What does Drioli decide to do? What becomes of him afterwards?
3. Write down your emotions, if you enjoyed the novel, if you thought it was realistic, etc. Please write at least one paragraph.



Watch "The Tattooed One" (1968) with Louis de Funes and find similarities/ differences between the two stories.

SECTION 3: The Way up to Heaven (pp 43-60)

I. Setting:

1. State the time and situation, including the time period in history or the season.
2. State the actual geographic location (countries, home, etc.). Be as specific as possible.

II. Characters: Mr Foster, Mrs Foster:

1. State the key personality traits of each character - 2 or 3 words in a complete sentence (for example, confident, nervous, hard-working, lazy, etc.).
2. State the conflicts in Mrs Foster's mind or with her outer world that motivate and shape her character. What is her strongest fear? In what way did she change after she left her husband?
3. How would you qualify Mr Foster's behaviour? What motivates him to act this way?

III. Plot:

1. Please write a summary of the story.
2. Ending – Describe what happened to Mr Foster in the end. What were Mrs Foster’s reactions?
3. As a reader, to what extent do you find the ending ironic?



When is the title “The Way up to Heaven” explained? How?

SECTION 4: Mrs Bixby and the Colonel’s Coat (pp 61-80)

I. Setting:

1. State the time and situation, including the time period in history or the season.
2. State the actual geographic location (country, home, etc.). Be as specific as possible.

II. Characters: Mr Bixby, Mrs Bixby, the Colonel

1. State the key personality traits of each character - 2 or 3 words in a complete sentence (for example, confident, nervous, hard-working, lazy, etc.).
2. Describe Mrs Bixby’s relationship with the Colonel and with her husband. How would you qualify her as a character?
3. Compare Mr and Mrs Bixby attitudes towards each other.

III. Plot:

1. Please write a summary of the story.
2. Ending – What is your opinion of the ending? Would you view the last paragraph of the story as comeuppance or irony?
3. As a reader, what does the story tell you about marital relationships?



What is the common point / idea / thread between these four stories?
Which one did you prefer? Why?