

# Critical-Thinking Questions

## *The Monkey's Paw*

1. Is Sergeant Major Morris an honest and trustworthy character? Support your answer with details from the play.
2. Why does Mr. White rescue the monkey's paw from the fire? Why don't the Whites heed Morris's warnings?
3. In Scene 4, Mr. White says the apparent granting of his first wish was a coincidence. Do you think he really believes this? Why or why not?
4. What are some examples of suspense in the play?
5. Read the quote in the yellow box on page 15. What might Roosevelt mean when he refers to people as "prisoners of their own minds"?