

## Home School Partners – 1B: Classic Literature, Week 14: Quiz 6 (Weeks 11-12 Readings)

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- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Uncle Abner knows a letter is forged in “An Act of God,” since it doesn’t reflect the fact that Blackford was \_\_\_\_.  
(A) almost totally illiterate (B) left handed (C) deaf (D) blind
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. The accuracy of the story’s title “An Act of God” is debatable, since God forbids Christians to seek \_\_\_\_.  
(A) riches (B) justice (C) dishonesty (D) revenge
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Who reveals the backgrounds of the widow and the deacon in “How The Widow Won the Deacon”?  
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(A) adopted aunts (B) big sisters (C) practical jokers (D) gossips (E) pieces of string cheese
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(A) they’re hiding their children (B) they’re actually married (C) they’re criminals (D) they’re mentally ill
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- \_\_\_\_\_ 15. What theme does Twain present by describing the incident in which the Rangers shoot a rider?  
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