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The Austere Governor

Worksheet · Grades 9+



Comprehension Questions

1. What was the reason the Convict asked the Governor for a pardon?
2. How did the Governor respond to the Convict's request?
3. What moral lesson can be drawn from the Governor's decision regarding the Convict?
4. What does the Governor's interaction with the Warden reveal about his character?
5. In your own words, describe the Governor’s view on the abuse of power.

Vocabulary Exercise

Match the words on the left with their correct meanings on the right by writing the corresponding letter in the space provided.

Word	Meaning	Match
1. Aspersity	A. A person who administers a prison	
2. Convict	B. Harshness or sharpness of tone	
3. Pardon	C. To forgive or excuse a wrongdoing	
4. Warden	D. A person found guilty of a crime	
5. Subordinate	E. Lower in rank or position	

Writing/Reflection Task

Reflect on the themes presented in "The Austere Governor." Answer the following questions:

1. What do you think the author is trying to convey about power and responsibility?

2. How can the lessons from this story be applied to situations in real life?

3. Write a short paragraph about a time when you witnessed the abuse of power. What happened, and what was the outcome?

End of Worksheet