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The Conscientious Official

Worksheet · Grades 9+



Comprehension Questions

1. What was the main responsibility of the Division Superintendent of the railway?
2. How did the Superintendent react upon hearing the news of his potential dismissal?
3. What was the President's concern regarding the accidents on the railway?
4. In what way did the Superintendent express his frustration about the President’s expectations?
5. What can we infer about the Superintendent's feelings towards his job and the safety of passengers?

Vocabulary Exercise

Match each word from the left column with its correct definition in the right column.

Word	Definition
Superintendent	A person who manages or oversees an operation
Incompetency	Lack of ability to perform a task effectively
Obstruction	Something that blocks or impedes progress
Indignant	Feeling or showing anger or annoyance at perceived injustice
Expectation	A belief that something will happen in the future

Writing/Reflection Task

Reflect on the story and the themes it presents. Answer the following questions in the space provided.

1. What do you think is the main lesson of the story?

2. How can the values presented in this story apply to our daily lives?

3. Have you ever faced a situation where your actions were misunderstood? How did you handle it?

Feel free to print this worksheet and complete the activities for a better understanding of the story "The Conscientious Official."