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The Returned Californian

Worksheet · Grades 9+



Comprehension Questions

1. Who is the main character in the story, and what happened to him?
2. What question does Saint Peter ask the man at the gate of Heaven?
3. How does the man respond to Saint Peter's question?
4. What is the significance of the man's origin, California, in the context of the story?
5. What does Saint Peter's entry about California suggest about the moral of the tale?

Vocabulary Matching Exercise

Match the words from the left column with their correct definitions in the right column.

Word	Definition
1. Occupy	A. To take up space or time; to reside in a place
2. Tidings	B. Information or news, often of a significant or joyful nature
3. Memorandum	C. A written message or record for future reference
4. Christians	D. Followers of Christianity, a major world religion
5. Enter	E. To move into or gain access to a place

Writing/Reflection Task

Reflect on the story and answer the following questions. Use the lines provided for your responses.

1. What moral lesson do you think the story conveys?

2. How does the story's ending impact your understanding of the man's journey?

3. Can you relate this story to any personal experiences or broader social themes?