



Relationship Question

First Paragraph

- ◆ Name your text.
- ◆ Name the author.
- ◆ Refer to the question and say what relationship you are going to discuss.

Second Paragraph

- ◆ How is the relationship introduced?
- ◆ Have the couple known one another before the action of the play?
- ◆ Do we have a good or a bad impression of the relationship?
- ◆ What sort of people are they?
- ◆ What quotes would you choose to support your answers to each of these questions?

Third Paragraph

- ◆ Does the relationship face any challenges?
- ◆ Are the challenges posed by the fact that the characters are very different types of people?
- ◆ Are the characters being honest with one another?
- ◆ Is there a power imbalance?
- ◆ Are other people causing any problems in the relationship?
- ◆ Are there other stresses being placed on the relationship?
- ◆ What quotes would you choose to support your answers to each of these questions?

Fourth Paragraph

- ◆ How are the characters coping with the challenges to their relationship?
- ◆ Are they growing closer or being driven further apart?
- ◆ What quotes would you choose to support your answers to each of these questions?

Fifth Paragraph

- ◆ Are there any additional challenges to the relationship?
- ◆ How would you describe the relationship at this point?
- ◆ Do you feel hopeful that the relationship will succeed?
- ◆ What quotes would you choose to support your answers to each of these questions?

Sixth Paragraph

- ◆ Is there a moment in the text when the problems or challenges have caused such tension that the situation comes to a head?
- ◆ What happens?
- ◆ Is there a fight?
- ◆ Are the couple placed in a position from which there is no easy escape?
- ◆ Do they have to make a difficult decision?
- ◆ What quotes would you choose to support your answers to each of these questions? (Not every question may be relevant to your text, of course.)

Seventh Paragraph

- ◆ How is the situation resolved?
- ◆ Does the relationship end well?
- ◆ Is one character more or less happy than the other at this stage?
- ◆ Do you feel hopeful for the future of the relationship?
- ◆ Do you think the characters have been bettered by the relationship?
- ◆ What feelings are you left with about the characters and the relationship?
- ◆ What quotes would you choose to support your answers to each of these questions? (Not every question may be relevant to your text, of course.)

Eighth Paragraph

- ◆ How would you summarise the relationship?
- ◆ Did you learn any lesson from it?
- ◆ Refer back to the question again and to any points you made in your introduction.
- ◆ Do not repeat the exact words used in your introduction: vary your vocabulary.
- ◆ Do not introduce any new points in your conclusion, even if you think of something you'd really like to say.
- ◆ Have you a good quote that you could use to end the essay?