

Name _____

Four Dollars and Fifty Cents
M3/F

1. Why could Shorty be called a deadbeat?
 - A. he pretended to be dead
 - B. he didn't pay his bills
 - C. he didn't like the Widow Macrae
 - D. he didn't want his nose cut off

2. This story is most like a
 - A. a magazine article
 - B. a humorous tale
 - C. a folktale
 - D. a mystery story

3. Why did the author write this story?
 - A. to show what happens when you pretend to be dead
 - B. to explain why Shorty won't pay his bills
 - C. to show what used to happen in the Old West
 - D. to explain what happens when people refuse to pay their bills

4. Why didn't Shorty want to pay back Widow Macrae?

5. Which of these does **NOT** explain how Widow Macrae tried to get Shorty to pay her?
 - A. she was going to use a rolling pin
 - B. she was going to find out if he really was dead
 - C. she told Shorty he still owed her four dollars and fifty cents
 - D. she was going to cut off his nose

6. Which words would best describe Shorty?
- A. selfish and foolish
 - B. happy and scared
 - C. hungry and tired
 - D. crazy and lazy
7. Why did the Circle K boys agree to help Shorty?
- A. They didn't like the Widow Macrae.
 - B. Shorty told the Circle K boys they had to trick the Widow Macrae.
 - C. The Circle K boys wanted to help just to see what fun would happen.
 - D. They were afraid Shorty might hurt them.
8. What caused the outlaws to run away?
- A. they didn't want to bury Shorty
 - B. they were done counting their money
 - C. they didn't like the Widow Macrae
 - D. Shorty sat up in his coffin and talked
9. In this story, the word **decent** means
- A. a person who makes things out of iron
 - B. offer to help
 - C. proper or respectable
 - D. selfish
10. What could be another title for this story?
- A. The Outlaws
 - B. The Cowboys
 - C. Paying People You Owe
 - D. Widow Macrae and the Rolling Pin