“The Interlopers”—Discussion Questions

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English 9

Directions: Answer the questions below in complete sentences.

1. Explain the cause of the feud between the families of Ulrich von Gladwitz and Georg Znaeym.

2. What brought the two men out into the disputed territory that night? What happened to them?

3. Why was Ulrich not able to shoot at his enemy?

4. At first, how did the two behave toward each other? Why? What threats did they make to one another? What was the truth behind their threats?

5. What did Ulrich tell Georg? What do you think prompted this change of heart?

6. How did Georg respond? Why do you think he had a similar change of heart?

7. Why did each man hope that his friends would be the first to arrive to rescue them?

8. In the end, what was surrounding the two trapped men?

9. What do you think happened to them? Why? How could this be considered ironic? Why do you think the author chose to end the story this way?

10. Below, in one paragraph, explain the points that the author is making about hatred, friendship, and forgiveness. Use examples from the story.