**“The Interlopers” Literary Analysis**

***Directions:*** *Provide a complete answer to each question below.*

1. Define mood.

2. What is the mood of this story?

3. What detail**s** of the setting help create this mood?

4. At the beginning of the story, who seems to be the protagonist? The antagonist?

Protagonist: Antagonist:

5. What information do readers learn from the flashback in the second paragraph?

6. List three conflicts that appear in the story. Identify each as person vs….? Which one would you say turns out to be the most important and why?

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most important & why:

7. Paraphrase this statement: “the narrow strip of precipitous woodland….was *not remarkable* for the game it harbored or the shooting it afforded, but it was the *most jealously guarded* of all its owner’s possessions” [emphasis added].

8. What is ironic about that statement (from question 7)? What type of irony does it demonstrate?

9. Identify another example of irony in the story. Tell what type of irony it is and explain why it is ironic.

10. List as many “interlopers” as you can find in the story.

11. What type of irony does the title demonstrate? Explain.

12. Remember that a theme is expressed as a complete sentence and has universal application (meaning it can apply to anyone). What is a theme of this story?