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## **A Death in the Family by James Agee**

Author \_\_\_\_\_

# of pages \_\_\_\_\_

Main Characters \_\_\_\_\_

Setting \_\_\_\_\_

Introduction - How does the book begin?

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Theme - What lesson is learned via Rufus's experience with the Central Boys?

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Climax - Where does the climax of the story occur?

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Characterization - Who is the protagonist in the novel and who is the antagonist?  
Explain through examples.

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Symbolism - What does putting on the veil for her husband's funeral symbolize to Mary?

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Conflict - Is Rufus's conflict internal or external? Explain your answer

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Explain the following quote using examples from the book: "When grief and shock surpass endurance there occur phases of exhaustion, of anesthesia in which relatively little is left and one has the illusion of recognizing, and understanding, a good deal."

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