

The Girl with the Silver Eyes (1924)

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DAY 1

Reading Assignment

beginning - p. 6

Task 1

DIRECTIONS: As you read, make note of the following characters as they are introduced in the story. For each of the character, answer the clarifying question or questions following their name in complete sentences. You will use this activity to help you for a later assignment.

Example: Continental Op: What is his career?

Answer: The Continental Op is an operative (detective) working for the Continental Detective Agency's San Francisco Branch.

Complete the rest on your own paper.

Continental Op (Operative): What is his career? What is he like?

The Old Man: What is his connection to the Continental Op? What does he ask him to do?

Burke Pangburn: What is his connection to the Continental Op (what does he want him to do? What is his career? What is his connection to Jeanne Delano? What is he like?

Jeanne Delano: How did she meet Burke Pangburn? What is odd or mysterious about her?

Roy F. Axford: What is his career? What is his connection to Burke Pangburn? Why does the Continental Op want his guarantee?

Task 2

DIRECTIONS: For each days reading, summarize the action in no more than a paragraph. Remember: a summary only includes the most IMPORTANT events. Do NOT rewrite the story.

DAY 2

Reading Assignment

p. 7 - top of p. 13 (paragraph ending "perhaps we'd better take a run over to the Golden Gate Trust Company")

Task 1

DIRECTIONS: As you read, make note of the following characters as they are introduced in the story. For each of the character, answer the clarifying question or questions following their name in complete sentences. You will use this activity to help you for a later assignment.

Roy F. Axford: What is his connection to the Continental Op? What is his connection to Burke Pangburn? How does he feel about Pangburn?

Mrs. Clute: What is her connection to Jeanne Delano? What is her connection to the Continental Op?

Clement: What is his career? What is his connection to Roy F. Axford? What is his connection to the Continental Op? What is his connection to Jeanne Delano? What is his connection to Burke Pangburn?

Burke Pangburn: What has happened to him? What is notable about the \$20,000 check he deposited from R.F. Axford?

Task 2

DIRECTIONS: For each days reading, summarize the action in no more than a paragraph. Remember: a summary only includes the most IMPORTANT events. Do NOT rewrite the story.

DAY 3

Reading Assignment

top of p. 13, paragraph beginning "Ten minutes later we were in Clement's office" - p. 18)

Task 1

DIRECTIONS: As you read, make note of the following characters as they are introduced in the story. For each of the character, answer the clarifying question or questions following their name in complete sentences. You will use this activity to help you for a later assignment.

Clement: What is his worry about the check?

"youth with the polished yellow hair": What is his connection to Clement? What is his connection to Jeanne Delano? What is his connection to Burke Pangburn?

Roy F. Axford: What does he ask the Continental Op to do?

Continental Op (Operative): What does he convince Roy F. Axford to do?

Mr. Fall: What is his connection to Roy F. Axford? What does he reveal?

"Porky" Grout: What is his connection to the Continental Op? What is he like?

"Tin-Star" Joplin: What is his career? What is his connection to the Continental Op?

girl at the Marquis Hotel: What is her connection to the Continental Op?

Fag Kilcourse: What is his connection to the girl at the Marquis Hotel?

Task 2

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DAY 4

Reading Assignment

p. 19 - p. 24

Task 1

DIRECTIONS: As you read, make note of the following characters as they are introduced in the story. For each of the character, answer the clarifying question or questions following their name in complete sentences. You will use this activity to help you for a later assignment.

Dick Foley: What is his connection to the Continental Op? What is his career? What is his connection to Fag Kilcourse?

"Porky" Grout: What does he reveal to the Continental Op about Burke Pangburn and Jeanne Delano? What does he tell the Continental Op later about the death in front of the White Shack?

Roy F. Axford: Where does he go with the Continental Op? What do they discover immediately after arriving?

"Tin-Star" Joplin: What is his connection to the Continental Op?

Jeanne Delano: From where does the Continental Op know her?

Task 2

DIRECTIONS: For each days reading, summarize the action in no more than a paragraph. Remember: a summary only includes the most IMPORTANT events. Do NOT rewrite the story.

DAY 5

Reading Assignment

p. 25 - top of p. 29

Task 1

DIRECTIONS: As you read, make note of the following characters as they are introduced in the story. For each of the character, answer the clarifying question or questions following their name in complete sentences. You will use this activity to help you for a later assignment.

"Porky" Grout: What does he try to do? What happens to him?

Fag Kilcourse: What is his connection to the Continental Op? What does the Continental Op do to him?

Jeanne Delano/Elvira: What is her connection to the Continental Op?

Task 2

DIRECTIONS: For each days reading, summarize the action in no more than a paragraph. Remember: a summary only includes the most IMPORTANT events. Do NOT rewrite the story.

DAY 6

Reading Assignment

p. 30 - end

Task 1

DIRECTIONS: As you read, make note of the following characters as they are introduced in the story. For each of the character, answer the clarifying question or questions following their name in complete sentences. You will use this activity to help you for a later assignment.

Jeanne Delano/Elvira: What does she say her connection is to Burke Pangburn? What is it really? What does she say her connection is to Fag Kilcourse? What is it really? What is her connection to "Porky" Grout? What is her connection to the Continental Op?

Task 2

DIRECTIONS: For each days reading, summarize the action in no more than a paragraph. Remember: a summary only includes the most IMPORTANT events. Do NOT rewrite the story.

