The Fortune Teller

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World Lit

**Vocabulary Words**

**Propinquity** – (adj) kinship, nearness of blood

**Perfidious** – (adj) state of being faithless or disloyal **:**  treachery

**Denunciations** - (v) a public condemnation

**Repugnant** –(adj) causing a strong feeling of dislike or disgust

**Puerile** – (adj) childish or silly

**Vexation** – (n) a cause of trouble **:**  affliction

**Circle the word that best completes the sentence.**

1. The addict’s affliction caused him a great deal of *vexation/propinquity.*

2. The *perfidious/ vexation* servant was fired by his master.

3. The student’s *puerile /denunciations* behavior annoyed his classmates.

4. The jury found the defendant’s disregard for life *perfidious/repugnant*.

5. John enjoyed the *repugnant/propinquity* of his large family.

**Words to know for the story**

**Ragazzo inamorato** - Italian for “ Boy in love.”

**Milreis** - the basic monetary unit of Brazil until 1942

**Tilbury**- a light 2-wheeled carriage

1. Why do you think the author keeps referring to the quote from *Hamlet*? “There are more things in heaven and earth, Horatio, then are dreamt of in our philosophy.” (Hamlet Act I Scene V)

2. What do you think the author’s opinion of superstition is? Give examples to support your reason.

3. Irony is the incongruity between the actual result of a sequence of events and the normal or expected result. How is the ending of this story ironic?