

Questions

1. *The Weapon* is about a scientist but is not a science fiction story. Explain why this is so.
2. Why do you think Fredric Brown wrote this story?
3. What is the main idea or theme of this story? Write your answer in a sentence.
4. What does the gun symbolise in the story?
5. What does the author use the 'idiot' to symbolise?
6. What is the effect of the last sentence on the reader? How does this sentence relate to Niemand's reason for visiting Dr Graham?
7. Apart from some irritation on the part of Dr Graham, when he thinks that Niemand is going to criticise him, Fredric Brown uses a calm, understated tone in the story. How does this style of presentation affect the reader's response to the ending?