

## Act II Questions

1. McMurphy learns that Nurse Ratched holds “the aces” on page 54. What does this mean?
2. On page 55 Harding states, “I’m voluntary.” How would you describe McMurphy’s reaction to Hardings declaration? With ...

Calmness  Incredulity

Explain.

3. Chief Bromden’s father’s name is “Tee Ah Millatonna,” what does it mean? (p. 58)

4. On page 58 Bromden describes how everybody treated his father. How would you describe the treatment Tee Ah Millatoona received?

Respectfully  Disrespectfully

Explain.

5. What is this “Combine” Bromden keeps referring to?

6. How would you describe McMurphy’s behaviour at the council meeting on pages 61-63?

Selfish  Ultruistic

Explain.

7. On page 68 McMurphy asks what a lobotomy is. What is a lobotomy?

8. On page 75 Harding says, “Most merciful God, we ask that You accept these two into your kingdom with Your well-known compassion.” Read the rest of his speech. Does Harding sound...

Sane ←————→ Insane

Explain.

9. How does Nurse Ratched get Billy to “rat” on McMurphy about the party?

10. On page 80 Nurse Ratched says to McMurphy: “I hope you’re satisfied. Playing with human lives. . . gambling with human lives as if you thought you were God.” Why does this make McMurphy so angry?

11. Harding says to McMurphy: “It’s just what she wants.” If McMurphy knows this why does he still attack her?

12. There are stories of McMurphy escaping after his attack on Nurse Ratched. These tales of his escape provide the patients with ...

Hope ←————→ Despair

Explain.

13. Bromden suffocates McMurphy at the end of the play because he feels McMurphy deserves it for his actions towards Nurse Ratched.

Strongly disagree                      disagree                      agree                      strongly disagree

←————→

Explain.

14. What term BEST describes Randle P. McMurphy  
Criminal ←————→ Martyr<sup>1</sup>

Explain.

15. The title is “One Flew Over the Cuckoo’s Nest”. In light of the events of the play, what do you think this means?

16. The main theme in unit two is shaping identities. Reflecting back on the play, how was Chief Bromden OR Randall P. McMurphy’s identity shaped by difficult experiences? Write ONE paragraph in which you answer the question:

How was either Chief Bromden or Randall P. McMurphy’s identity shaped by difficult experiences?

When writing your paragraph follow this model below:

Topic Sentence-

Balanced State- what was character like before difficult experience

Conflict- explain the difficult experience the character faced

Resolution- how did the character’s identity change as a result of their experience

Summary sentence

\*\* Be sure to use quotes from the play and explain how their connection to either the balanced state, conflict or resolution

<sup>1</sup>Martyr- someone who dies for their cause.