

# Buried Child Quiz

1. What relation is Halie to Shelly? (from Act 2)
  - a) Her cousin.
  - b) Shelly's boyfriend's mother.
  - c) Shelly's minister's girlfriend.
2. Which character should be blamed for everything that happened to the family? (from Act 2)
  - a) Bradley's mother.
  - b) No specific character.
  - c) Tilden's wife.
3. Who is Shelly? (from Act 2)
  - a) Tilden's sister.
  - b) Vince's girlfriend.
  - c) Vince's sister.
4. Who gives hope to the family that the family structure will be saved? (from Act 3)
  - a) Vince.
  - b) Halie.
  - c) Bradley.
5. What marked the climax of this play?
  - a) Tilden digging up the corpse of the baby buried in the back yard, which coincides with the death of his father.
  - b) Dodge bequeathing all his possessions to Vince except the farm tools.
  - c) Shelly leaving the family when a lot of the secrets have been revealed.
6. What is the dysfunctional theme of this play?
  - a) The incest between a mother and her son.
  - b) The affair between a priest and Shelly.
  - c) The incest between a brother and a sister.
7. How does Vince differ from his other family members?
  - a) He has a girlfriend.
  - b) He behaves rationally.
  - c) He is a good dancer.
8. Which of the following statements is true?
  - a) The story reflects many of Sam Shepard's real experiences.
  - b) The story is based on the life of Sam Shepard's son.
  - c) The story is based on the life of Sam Shepard's neighbor.
9. What did Vince do to try to be remembered?
  - a) Picked vegetables from the yard.
  - b) Played the tricks he used to do as a child.
  - c) Cut Dodge's hair.

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10. Who is Vince's mother?

- a) It is not mentioned.
- b) Halie.
- c) Ansel's wife.

11. During the six years when Vince was away, which members of the family has he seen?

- a) None.
- b) Bradley and Halie.
- c) Dodge and Tilden.

12. How is Vince when he returns from outside in Act 3?

- a) He asks Shelly to marry him and help him with the farm.
- b) He asks Tilden to explain the mess he finds the family in.
- c) He is drunk and throws whiskey bottles at the porch wall.

13. According to Tilden, where did the little baby go?

- a) It just disappeared.
- b) To Ansel's house.
- c) To New Mexico.

14. What gives the story a little hope at the end?

- a) The fact that Shelly returns to New Mexico.
- b) The fact that Vince will be taking over the farm.
- c) The fact that there is nothing left in the backyard.

15. What is Sam Shepard's style of writing?

- a) He is very descriptive and graphic, detailing each scene including the landscapes and scenery.
- b) He is very clear about the events that take place.
- c) He uses ambiguity a lot, implied certain outcomes rather than explicitly stating them.

16. How did Halie betray the family?

- a) The family's history.
- b) Covering her head with a blanket...
- c) By failing to keep her responsibilities to her husband.

17. What did Dodge want them to do with the farm tools?

- a) He wanted them to wrap the farm tools in plastic and keep them on a shelf.
- b) He wanted them to burn the farm tools and throw his body on top of the heap.
- c) He wanted them to build a monument for his farm tools for everyone to see.

18. How would Sam Shepard describe this family structure?

- a) Finally building the monument for Ansel.
- b) Total chaos.
- c) Moving closer to their goals for the farm.

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19. When does Dodge forgive Halie for her betrayal?
- a) Never. He dies angry and spiteful.
  - b) After she confesses the birth of the baby boy.
  - c) After Ansel died and he saw how much it hurt her.
20. Where was Ansel in Act 2?
- a) He was living in New Mexico.
  - b) He was not mentioned in Act 2.
  - c) He was out in the backyard.
21. Which statement best describes Dodge and Tilden's relationship?
- a) Father and son are very close, often taking trips together.
  - b) Father and son do not maintain a close relationship.
  - c) Father and son hate each other very much.
22. How does Father Dewis deal with the spiritual problems of this family?
- a) He helps Halie to see her mistakes in the brokenness of this family.
  - b) He teaches them how to pray for forgiveness.
  - c) He doesn't deal with this family's problems.
23. What vegetables did Tilden pick from the garden? (from Act 2)
- a) Carrots.
  - b) Turnips.
  - c) Peas and potatoes.
24. Who did Dodge give the farm to? (from Act 3)
- a) Vince.
  - b) Halie.
  - c) Tilden.
25. When Tilden talked to Shelly about Vince, what did he say? (from Act 2)
- a) He said that he saw Ansel's face in Vince's face.
  - b) He said that he saw Dodge's face in Vince's face.
  - c) He said that he thought he saw a small face inside Vince's face.