Questions “A Day’s Wait” Hemingway

1.) Why does the boy think he will die?   
2.) Why does the boy cry easily the next day? What does this say about what he went through the day before?   
3.) What is Shatz’s internal conflict? List one character trait of Schatz that may have contributed to his internal conflict and provide evidence of that trait .

4.) What is the mood in the story? Defend your answer with text.

5.) Why do you think the author focuses on the father’s thoughts and actions rather than the little boy’s? What does this do for us as readers?

6.) What does this story teach us about growing up? How can we learn to be more compassionate and understanding of children through it?

7.) If you had to retitle the story, what would you retitle it and why?

8.) Why do you think the boy was so adamant about staying awake?

9.) Give two details from the text that show that the boy doesn’t want his father to worry about him.

10.)Why do you think Hemingway would base the story off of a small boy’s ignorance?

11.)Can you notice Hemingway's writing style by simply reading the story? If so what do you think his writing style is?

12.) Why does Hemingway dedicate so much of his story to the details of the father’s activities outside after giving Schatz his capsules?

13.)Do you think that this story could be a reference to a childhood memory of Hemingway's. If so, why?

14.)How does Hemingway use the scenery to tell the mood of the story?

15.)Why do you think Hemingway chooses not to name the other characters in the story?