Block 4 “A Day’s Wait” Questions – choose 8 to answer fully

1. How does the setting affect the characters, outcome of the story, or mood of the story? Explain fully

2. What makes Schatz “[cry] very easily at little things that were of no importance” at the end of the story?

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

4. What do you believe is the boy’s most prominent character trait? Give textual evidence and explanation.

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

 6. What does Schatz’s father’s actions while he was away from the house show you about the nature of his father?

7. What do you think Schatz thought about while his father was gone? Use his words about his pending “death” to defend your statement.

 8. What country is the boy from? How does being from this country affect the internal conflict of the boy?

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

10. What does the in-home visit show you about the medical profession during the time period in which this story was written?

11. If you had to retitle the story, what would you call it and why?

12. What do the dad’s interactions with Schatz reveal about the father’s demeanor?

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