

*The Stranger* Reading Questions, Part II, Chapter 5

Directions: On a separate piece of paper, answer all questions completely, based on your intelligent reading of the chapters indicated.

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1. According to Meursault, why is witnessing an execution so important?
2. What is "the trouble with the guillotine"?
3. What is ironic about this when compared to how Meursault originally got into this predicament?
4. When Meursault's situation finally "sinks in", what are the two things he always thinks about?
5. What is Meursault's pessimistic view on life and living?
6. Is Meursault a religious person? How do you know?
7. Meursault shows no respect for religion or the priest. Give one example of this.
8. What does the priest mean when he says, "your heart is blind."
9. In the last few paragraphs, how does Meursault finally relate to Maman?
10. Why does Meursault wish that a large crowd of spectators greet him with cries of hate at his execution?