

Thinking of Bagheera

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- 1 'Compliant' might mean (second paragraph)?
- 2 'Predilection' might mean?
- 3 And "literary allusion"?
- 4 And "disparaging"?
- 5 The word 'trophies' (last line, first page) applies to?
- 6 Describe the feelings the persona has for his cat (second page) in your own words.
- 7 "Bagheera's black hide flowed like deep water" is what sort of figurative language?
- 8 "Indolent" might mean?
- 9 Why might the boy have stolen the can of pears?
- 10 Describe the boy's father as fully as you can.
- 11 "Empathy" might mean?
- 12 The boy says that "At the time I didn't fully realize the irony of needing my father to kill Bagheera." What does he mean?
- 13 What figurative device is the author using to describe the cat's breathing as "the straw sucking"?
- 14 Why do the boy's sisters gather at the study window to watch?
- 15 Why did the boy insist that his father shoot Bagheera?
- 16 Why is the pumpkin flower an effective symbol (last paragraph)?
- 17 What might the author be saying?