

Fourth Year
Novel in the 20th. Century

(3)

The Old Man and the Sea – Allegorical Interpretations

Dear students,

As for Chapter 17 entitled “*The Old Man and the Sea – Allegorical Interpretations*,” you can have an essay question. You can summarize this chapter in 3-4 pages. Please, study the details of **only** the following subtitles.

If you have an essay question about this chapter, you will include the following points in your answer:

- I.
 1. A parable
 2. The vainness of human wishes
- II.
 1. Two levels – symbolism and story
 2. Based on the great abstractions
 3. The use of Christian symbols
 4. From man to fish, and back to man
 5. The use of numerology
- III.
 1. A parable on the theme of fighting the good fight
 2. A double allegory
 3. Hooking a Marlin
 4. The Marlin killed
 5. The Marlin reduced to a skeleton by the sharks
 6. Undertones of Christian Scriptures
 7. Santiago’s moral victory
 8. Allegory of the writer’s struggle with his material

Best Luck