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REVIEW QUESTIONS FOR— A&P

Directions: Use a separate sheet of paper to thoroughly respond to each of the questions. Staple this handout to the front of your responses.

1. What details in Updike's setting of the supermarket stand out for you as particularly true to life? What does this attention to detail contribute to the story?
2. List Sammy's traits (admirable and otherwise.)
3. Is Sammy less of a hero for wanting the girls to notice his heroism? Explain.
4. Why does Updike include the detailed portrait of Queenie, the leader of the three girls? What does this detail add to the story?
5. As the story develops, how do Sammy's feelings change toward the girls?
6. What is the conflict in "A & P"?
7. Why, exactly, does Sammy quit his job?
8. Does anything lead you to *expect* Sammy to make a gesture of sympathy for the girls? What incident earlier in the story (before Sammy quits) seems to act as *foreshadowing*?
9. What does Sammy mean when he acknowledges "how hard the world was going to be...hereafter"?
10. What comment does Updike—through Sammy—make about society?