 ‘Our Pipes’ Henry Lawson – ALARM questions

| IdentifyMain theme, idea, character/s, setting, tension | DescribeTechniques used in text type | ExplainPurpose, function, affect impact of text on individual, audience | AnalysisCompare, contrast, explore, critique, develop a response | Critically analysisEvaluate, discuss, examine, appreciate |
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| What is the main theme in the text? | What techniques are used by the composer to create the image of the landscape? | How does Lawson’s unique journalistic style of writing affect the audience? | Explore the role of smoking in this story. How is it used to strengthen the experience shared by the characters? | Discuss how the text challenges our beliefs about the Australian outback lifestyle? |
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| Who is/are the main character/characters? | How do language features convey the hard lifestyle experienced by the two swagmen? | What is the function for Lawson’s inclusion of Mitchell’s first experience of smoking?  | Why does Mitchell’s mother’s response to his smoking contrast so dramatically with his father’s response? | In what way does this story affirm the iconic image of the Australian male? |
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Creative task: Write a creative narrative from the mother’s or the father’s view point. Use Lawson’s writing style to influence the voice and characters of your passage.