

“The Sniper” by Liam O’Flaherty  
Study Questions

**\*\*\*Answer questions in several, complete sentences!!!\*\*\***

1. Why did the sniper shoot the unarmed woman? Was he **justified**? Explain why or why not.
2. What alerts the enemy sniper to the sniper on the rooftop?
3. Describe ALL aspects of the setting for this story. (time period, time of day, country, city, etc.)
4. The author uses a lot of imagery and description here. Write as many descriptive words and phrases below. (Find at least 5)
5. Why must the sniper leave the roof? Why can he not leave yet? Why can he not use his rifle?
6. Describe the shift in the sniper’s emotions after he realizes he has killed the enemy sniper.
7. What is ironic in the story (there is more than one obvious answer)?
8. Identify three qualities that made the snipers alike BESIDES THE FACT THAT THEY ARE BROTHERS!
  - 1.
  - 2.
  - 3.
9. How might the story be different if the story was told from third person omniscient? (The narrator knows/tells all characters thoughts and emotions)