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***Question: Does love lead to impulsive choices?***

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| **PLOT SUMMARY:** | **ANALYSIS:**  **(ADDITIONS ARE IN CAPS)** |
| In the story, Orpheus loses his love, Eurydice, to the Underworld and goes there to retrieve her because “his grief was overwhelming. He could not endure it.” While he’s there, he convinces Hades to let her go, but Hades provides one condition that “he would not look back at her as she followed him, until they had reached the upper world.” However, on the way back, Orpheus looks back and realizes it’s too soon. He loses his love once again. | **ORPHEUS’ RASH DECISIONS, DRIVEN BY LOVE, PROVE THAT OFTENTIMES, LOVE IS THE MOTIVATING FACTOR BEHIND IMPULSIVE CHOICES.** In the story, Orpheus loses his love, Eurydice, to the Underworld and goes there to retrieve her because “his grief was overwhelming. He could not endure it.” **BECAUSE HE’S SO MOTIVATED BY HIS LOVE, “HE DARES MORE THAN ANY OTHER MAN EVER DARED.”**  **HIS WILLINGNESS VENTURE SUCH A DANGEROUS TRIP ILLUSTRATES THAT HIS EMOTIONS ARE DRIVING HIM TO DO THINGS HE MIGHT NOT OTHERWISE DO**. While he’s there, he convinces Hades to let her go, but Hades provides one condition that “he would not look back at her as she followed him, until they had reached the upper world.” **ORPHEUS IS CONFLICTED BECAUSE HE’S SO IN LOVE WITH HER THAT HE FEELS COMPELLED TO GLANCE AT HER FOR JUST A MOMENT, A CHOICE THAT IS EMOTIONALLY DRIVEN AND IMPULSIVE.** However, on the way back, Orpheus looks back and realizes it’s too soon. **BECAUSE HE ACTS BASED ON HIS EMOTIONS RATHER THAN ON REASON,** he loses his love once again. **HIS INABILITY TO RESTRAIN HIMSELF LEADS HIM TO HASTY DECISIONS THAT LEAD TO DISASTER FOR BOTH HIM AND EURYDICE PROVING THAT, WHEN LOVE IS INVOLVED, EMOTIONS SUPERCEDE REASON.** |

Don’t forget to use your **POWER VERBS** (Great for Your Expansions/Explanations!)

Use appropriate verbs when writing a critical analysis of an author or a work of literature. Examples of these terms include:

* Emphasizes
* Elucidates
* Compares
* Suggests
* Illustrates
* Exemplifies
* Parallels
* Juxtaposes
* Implies
* Alludes to
* Observes
* Identifies
* Organizes
* Reinforces
* Defines
* Clarifies
* Contrasts
* Argues
* Mirrors
* Shows
* Echoes
* Develops
* Provides
* Connotes
* Focuses
* Balances
* Relates
* Expresses
* Insinuates
* Demonstrates