**Setting**

Analyze the significance of these descriptions or details:

* Segregated usage of the rooms in their three story house
* Winter
* Darkness and the power outage

**Metaphors**

What does the description of the potted plant help us understand about the state of Shoba and Shukumar’s marriage? pgs. 9-10

**Characterization**

Identify 3-4 quotations that characterize Shoba and Shukumar’s cultural and geographic connection to their Indian identity.

Write one sentence that generalizes the differences in their cultural ties.

**Irony**

Identify one example of situational irony in the story.

Identify the point of view in “A Temporary Matter.” Analyze how it influences situational irony and/or creates suspense.

**Foreshadowing**

Identify a quotation that foreshadows Shoba’s decision to move out.

What is “a temporary matter” in the story? Identify at least three possible interpretations.

Analyze the significance of Lahiri’s description of food (preparation, organization, or consumption).