

AP Spanish Lit:

San Manuel Bueno, mártir de Miguel de Unamuno

Complete all questions on pg. 298 (Temas de discussion y ensayos).

Questions:

1. Do you agree or disagree with Don Manuel's point of view? Do you think it is fair to mislead people so that they can be happy? Is it necessary to do this sometimes? Use the facts from the story to justify your answer.
2. Develop the theme of truth and lie in the story San Manuel. Is San Manuel a hypocrite? Is he as compassionate as Angela and how the others perceive him? Is he a Martyr? Is he a saint?
3. What is Don Manuel's socio-political position?
4. The themes of childhood and maternity have a special meaning for Unamuno, describe what they represent based on the story.
5. Analyze the manuscript that was found. Include your comment and how it influences the reader in the first person.
6. Discuss the writing style in the novel. Is it easy to understand? Is it directed to the polished/educated reader? Why do you think there is so much dialogue in the story? What is the connection between the writing style of the novel and Unamuno's purpose to convey his message?
7. What is the purpose of using more than one narrator in the story? Elaborate.
8. In your opinion, what is the central (main) theme throughout the story? Discuss secondary themes that relate to the story.