

**Twisted Stories**

**Yosemite**

**Analysis 2: The ending**

1. How do you interpret the ending? Complete the following table, indicating which statements you think are true and which are false. If you are not certain, put a checkmark in the column headed “?”. Remember that you have to find your arguments for your interpretation in the text.

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| *The short story “Yosemite” ends with …* |
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| *the reader realizing that Irma was a pyromaniac and that this is why Martin has also become a pyromaniac.*  |  |  |  |
| *the reader realizing that Martin starts fires as a way to remember his deceased wife Irma, who loved fires.*  |  |  |  |
| *the reader realizing that Irma has actually never existed. She has only existed in Martin’s mind.* |  |  |  |
| *the reader realizing that Irma might have been killed by Martin and that she was not as ideal as Martin had sketched in his mind.*  |  |  |  |

1. Find a partner and discuss how you interpret the ending of the text.
2. The purpose of a plot twist is typically to make the reader think about the deeper meaning of a story. What is the deeper meaning of this story?