1. Reread the following passage and answer the questions that follow:

"Going to the shore on the first morning of the vacation, the young English boy stopped at a turning of the path and looked down at a wild and rocky bay, and then over the crowded beach he knew so well from other years. When she [his mother] felt he was not with her, she swung around. 'Oh, there you are, Jerry!' she said. She looked impatient, then smiled. 'Why, darling, would you rather not come with me? Would you rather...' She frowned, conscientiously worrying over what amusements he might secretly be longing for. Contrition sent him running after her. And yet, as he ran, he looked back over his shoulder at the wild bay; and all morning, as he played on the safe beach, he was thinking of it."

- What do the wild bay and the safe beach represent both in terms of coming-of-age and the hero's journey archetype?

- What character traits become clear in Jerry? (Hint: What is he like before transformation?)

#2. Reread the following dialogue carefully and answer the questions.

Jerry: "I'd like to go have a look at those rocks down there."

Jerry's Mother: "Of course, Jerry. When you've had enough, come to the big beach. Or just go straight back to the villa, if you like."

- What does this dialogue correspond with in terms of the Hero Journey Archetype? Explain your answer.
After watching the boys go through the tunnel for the first time and attempting but failing to complete this task himself, the story states, "... in a panic of failure, he [Jerry] yelled up, in English, 'Look at me! Look!' and he began splashing and kicking in the water like a foolish dog."

What does this show about Jerry at this point in the story? Explain.

Who are Jerry's helpers along his journey? What is the talisman? Explain.

What are the challenges Jerry faces before the abyss? Identify at least 3.

What does the following quote show about how Jerry is changing?

"He did not ask for permission, on the following day, to go to his beach. He went, before his mother could consider the complicated rights and wrongs of the matter" (Lessing)

What is Jerry's abyss in the story? Explain.

b. How is he transformed as a result to conquering his abyss? Write a statement that reflects the most significant aspects of his transformation.

In the story "Through the Tunnel", Jerry follows the hero's journey transforming from ____________________________ to ____________________________.