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## Catharsis

**Directions**: Read the description of the Aristotelian concept of catharsis. Then examine each of the following passages in chapter 23, and explain how the narrator experiences a catharsis.

*Catharsis*—an experience of purification; a kind of new awakening and also, often, release of tension (The philosopher Aristotle associated catharsis with tragedies depicted in the theaters of ancient Greece.)

1. Beginning with "The whole scene quivered . . ."

2. Beginning with "Look at me!"

3. Beginning with "I leaned against a stone wall . . ."

4. Beginning with "So I'd accept it . . ."