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Candide by Voltaire

Short Answer Key

1. Pangloss's philosophy is that "all is for the best in the best of all possible worlds." This philosophy influences Candide's initial belief that everything that happens is for the best, even in difficult circumstances.
2. An example of religious hypocrisy in the novella is the character of the Grand Inquisitor, who commits heinous acts while professing religious piety.
3. Voltaire uses satire to mock the excesses of the aristocracy and the corruption of the legal system. The character of the Baron's son and his absurd trial exemplify these criticisms.
4. Candide is characterized by his unwavering optimism and belief that the world is inherently good. This reveals his resilience and refusal to be swayed by adversity.
5. The title "Candide" refers to the main character, and it reflects the novella's exploration of his experiences and worldview. It suggests a sense of innocence and naiveté that Candide maintains throughout the story.

