

1. Do you think that the third level was a medium of escape for Charley? Why?

- Yes, the third level was a medium of escape for Charley. It was nothing but the imaginary world created by Charley's mind. He finds life in the modern world as insecure, full of fear, war and worry. Therefore, he wants to escape into a dream world. When Charley talks about the third level to his psychiatrist friend Sam, he called it a 'waking dream with fulfilment'.

2. What do you infer from Sam's letter to Charley?

- Sam's letter to Charley was full of mystery. Among his oldest first-day covers, he found an envelope, mailed to his grandfather in Galesburg. It was written on July 18, 1894. When Charley opened the envelope, it contained a letter although first-day covers just have blank papers in them. In the letter, Sam had informed Charley that he had been living on the third level. Therefore, we infer that the letter was completely Charley's imagination.

3. 'The modern world is full of insecurity, fear, war, worry and stress'. What are the ways in which we attempt to overcome them?

- The modern world is full of insecurity, fear, war, worry and stress. We can overcome all these by involving ourselves in some productive activities otherwise our life will become unpleasant and unbearable. We can spend time with family members, friends engage ourselves in some hobbies etc. Yoga and physical exercises may also help us to live a healthy and cheerful life. We must accept bare truth however bitter and painful it might be.