**“The Bet” Questions**

**Answer with a partner:**

1. What is Capital Punishment?
2. Make a T-chart outlining the pros and cons of Capital Punishment
3. Why does the banker think the bet is a bad idea?
4. Summarize the lawyer’s activities during his stay in prison – in short, what was he doing?
5. Why does the banker decide to take drastic measures to win the bet?
6. In his letter, what lesson does the lawyer say that he has learned from his time in prison?
7. Why is the banker upset at the end of the story?
8. What is the theme of the story?

**We will share our answers with the class in discussion. Every student should be ready to share their work.**

**Individual Questions**

1. What type of conflict does this story feature? Explain how you know this.
2. What is at stake for the banker? What is at stake for the lawyer? Who has more to lose?
3. How well does the author communicate the theme? Do you feel like he has made his point?