"Bloodstain" by Christoper W. Rowan

1) What kind of person is Fred? Use specific adjectives and support them with evidence from the story.

2) Why does Fred's home seem like a prison to him after the accident?

3) What were the possible solutions Fred weighed? Why does he reject each one except one?

4) Why does Fred feel a burning in his index finger?

5) What is meant by the statement, "...he realized the stain of blood goes deeper than the skin"?

6) Is "Bloodstain" a good title for the story? If not, suggest a better one.

7) At the end of the story, Fred no longer feels fear and agony and his finger no longer throbs. Does this mean he is no longer guilty? Explain your answer.

8) Do you feel sorry for Fred? Explain.

9) What would you have done if you were in Fred's situation? Explain.

10) Provide an example of:

1. simile-
2. metaphor-
3. personification-

d) personification-