“After Twenty Years” by O. Henry

Directions: Answer each of the following questions using complete sentences and providing examples as support when needed. These questions should be able to be answered based on what was discussed in class. However, copies of the story are available from the Lit Book in the LA classrooms, as well off the Language Arts websites (Middle School to Team to LA Teacher OR you can directly visit the address listed below).

http://www.jefftwp.org/middleschool/CoreTeams/7thGrade_LA.htm

1. (RECALL & ANALYZE) Where is the story set? Describe the atmosphere, or feeling, of the story.

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2. (RECALL & SYNTHESIZE)
   a. How does Bob describe Jimmy—both his strengths and weaknesses?

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   b. Based on his words and actions, describe Bob’s personality?

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3. **(SUPPORT & MAKE A JUDGMENT)**
   a. What evidence shows that both Bob and Jimmy are proud of their accomplishments?
   
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   b. Who has been more successful, Bob or Jimmy? Explain your answer.
   
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4. **(RECALL & INFER)** How much has Jimmy changed over the years and what does this story suggest about the way the passage of time affects people?
   
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5. **(MAKE A JUDGMENT)** Is there such a thing as “lifelong friends”? Explain your answer.
   
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