

# A Sign of What's to Come

**A church filled with snakes! What will happen next? At the end of a suspenseful play like *The Dark is Rising*, and throughout any story or book, you should continue to ask that question. Making a prediction, or imagining the answer to "what happens next?" is an important part of being a good reader. You can find clues in the story, the pictures, the captions, everywhere!**

**Directions:** Follow the prompts in each box to write your predictions about *The Dark is Rising*.

Will The Walker steal from Will?

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Why did you think that? (What were your clues?)

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What will happen to Will, Merriman and Miss Greythorne inside the snake-filled church?

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Why did you think that? (What were your clues?)

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Do you think Will will ever give the Sign to the Rider?

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Why did you think that? (What were your clues?)

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Will the Old Ones prevent the Dark from rising?

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Why did you think that? (What were your clues?)

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## Write Now!

Why is it important to make predictions when you're reading a story or a book?  
How does this help you become a better reader? Write your answer in a well-organized paragraph.