“The Hand” by Yves Theriault

Pre-reading Vocabulary: define these words using a dictionary.  (10 points)

1. crescendo
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2. menacing
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3. anguish
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4. unrequited
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5. inextricably
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After Reading Questions: Be sure to answer in COMPLETE SENTENCES.

1. What did Mourgan predict would happen to Geron? (2 points)
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2. Why do you think Marie disagreed with Mourgan? (2 points)
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3. What two things happened at once that caused Geron to strike Marie? (2 points)
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4. How do you think Geron felt after he struck Marie? Give evidence from the story to support your answer. (2 points)
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5. How did Geron change after this incident? (2 points)
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6. What did Geron do to himself and why do you think he took such drastic measures? (2 points)

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7. How do angry outbursts like the one in this story affect relationships with others? (2 points)

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8. Throughout the story, the author gives us hints that something terrible will happen. This technique is called foreshadowing. Find examples of these hints. (2 points)

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9. Suppose it is five years after the incident in the story. Geron is unloading a wagon. The horse rears and upsets the load, ruining some of it. How does Geron react? What does he do? Write a story similar to “The Hand” showing your readers what Geron is like now. Include other characters if you wish.

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