Hero's Return

Read the short story "Hero's Return." While every hero's quest is unique, it will often follow the pattern of the Hero's Journey. Use what you know about the story and the Hero's Journey to answer the following questions thoroughly, using complete sentences.

Reading Hints:
- Read the entire story before answering the questions.
- Watch for changes in the narrator’s idea about what it means to be a hero.
- Think about how Jody is treated by his brother with the "house arrest."
- Watch for connections to the different stages of the Hero’s Journey.

1. Why is Jody proud of his brother at the beginning of the story, and how does Junior react to his little brother's hero worship?

2. Describe the change in Jody at the end of the story.

3. What do you think the title means?


5. Do you believe that Junior's return to his family is a hero's return? Why or why not?

6. What "gift" (boon) does Junior receive while in prison?

7. What "gift" (boon) does Jody receive? Explain. (Remember, a boon does not have to be a material object.)