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Dorothea Puente and the Boarding House of Death

1. What is the author’s purpose for this article?

2. To what does the author compare Puente’s story?

3. What was the location of Dorothea Puente’s boarding house?

4. Why was Dorothea killing her boarders?

5. Stealing money is bad, but Dorothea used stolen money to pay for facelifts and expensive

perfume. How does what she spent the money on make it even worse?

6. How did Dorothea support herself when she lived on F Street in Sacramento?

7. What inference can you make about what happened to Ruth Munroe?

8. “Gilmouth was killed as soon as he had made Puente a **signatory** on his checking account.”

Use context clues and the root word to figure out what the word signatory means. Write the

definition below.

9. According to the article, how many people did Dorothea kill? (add them all up)

10. Dorothea Punete was caught by accident. Reread the section of the article and summarize the

events that led to her being arrested. Use your own words.

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Using the details from the article, create a timeline of Dorothea’s life.