

Lesson Three - Worksheet

This lesson coincides with a diary entry dated August 12, 2018 from “Diary of Emotions: Thoughts and Feelings”. The purpose of this lesson is to identify some major themes in the text.
Entry Date: August 12, 2018

Main Idea and Supporting Details

Place an “X” on the line beside the “main idea” of the story.

- _____ Grace is confused about being responsible for her mother’s care.
- _____ Grace yearns to somehow take care of her mother and help her.
- _____ Grace is thankful for her grandmother because she guided her properly.

The four statements below “support” the main idea. Fill in the blanks with the correct word.

- (a) Grace wants to make sure her mother gets treatment for her _____ because she is always in pain.
- (b) Grace looked online and found a _____ that her mother could use.
- (c) Grace wishes to serve her mother _____ and oversee her _____.
- (d) In addition to taking her out for walks, she wants to take her mother to the _____.

Literary Elements: Theme

In any literary work, the theme is the underlying message that the writer would like to get across. Circle all the themes that you can find in this diary entry.

- (a) identity crisis
- (b) longing for escape
- (c) facing reality
- (d) self-reliance
- (e) acceptance
- (f) rejection

Character Analysis

Read the following line from the entry and answer the question.

“Just thinking about my mother and a part of me says that is cool if she does not want to be with us, I haven’t been with her all my life anyway. I know she has a mental illness, and that she is happy where she is. I feel like the biggest part of me does not really care. Then, there is that part of me that does care and that is the part of me that is talking right now.”

Describe Grace’s feelings in regard to her mother.

Identifying Cause and Effect

“I do not remember our utilities being turned off while my father was around. But, after he left us in the house alone, the utilities were disconnected due to nonpayment. I remember not having a phone even with my father around. I remember thinking, “When I grow up and get my own place, I am going to always have a phone, and my bills will always be paid.”

What is the Cause? _____

What is the Effect? _____

Reading for Information

Grace mentions that if she retired and was home all day, she would invest in caring for her mother.

Scan through the text and list five things that Grace thought about doing with her mother.

- (a) _____
- (b) _____
- (c) _____
- (d) _____
- (e) _____

Character Trait Discussion

The Character Trait for Lesson Three is “acceptance”.

Acceptance means to leave something the way it is and not try to change it.

Read the statement below. Then choose one of the questions below and answer it. Write your answer in the space provided then discuss it with your group.

Grace accepts that because of her mother’s condition, she cannot have a normal relationship with her.

1. Would you accept someone the way they are, or would you expect them to change? Explain.
2. Do you think it is important to accept others with their flaws? Why or why not?
3. How would you react if your friend was making fun of someone with a disability?

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