

Lesson Eleven - Worksheet

This lesson coincides with Chapter Eleven of the book, "After the Reunion: A Story of Acceptance". The purpose of this lesson is to analyze past events in order to understand the current situation in the story.

Chapter Eleven – "Day Four of Our Visit – Why Mother Left"

Main Idea and Supporting Details

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

- _____ Grace felt nervous about asking her mother to talk about why she left.
- _____ Grace's father never visited Geneva when she was put in a mental hospital.
- _____ Grace was relieved that Arica's questions made Geneva talk about why she left.

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

- (a) Geneva said that she was a _____ person when Grace asked her about why she left.
- (b) Geneva totally _____ Grace's request to go outside and talk.
- (c) Arica's plea had genuinely touched Geneva's _____.
- (d) Geneva understood how _____ it was for her to open up and share her story.

Sequencing

Put the following dialogues from this chapter in the correct order.

- _____ "I'm a private person."
- _____ "I would come home on furlough."
- _____ "I feel like I know. I just want to hear you say the actual words."
- _____ "Yes, that's the same one,"
- _____ "He was nice to me. He just wanted me to feel better."
- _____ "Right. Well uh,"
- _____ "Can she hear us?"
- _____ "When we be on the phone, she eavesdrops and then she will gossip.
So, I don't want to come right out with anything. You know?"
- _____ "He and grandmother told me you left and you did not want me.
But, even if that was the case, I forgive you."
- _____ "Now or never."

Character Analysis

Describe Grace's psychological state when she tries to ask her mother to share her story about why she left forty-nine years ago.

Literary Elements: Theme

The Theme is the message that author wants to convey.

What is the theme of this selection?

(a) reunion

(b) denial

(c) rejection

Identifying Cause and Effect

"It all began before you were born. I would often feel tired from taking care of the five kids your father and I had together. He would go out of town for work, leaving me alone with them for one or two weeks at a time. I told him I needed a break from the kids..."

What is the Cause? _____

What is the Effect? _____

Interpreting and Evaluating Information

What kind of relationship did Geneva have with her husband?

Character Trait Discussion

The Character Trait for Lesson Eleven is "inquisitive".

Inquisitive means having or showing an interest in learning things.

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 was very inquisitive in learning from Geneva the reason for her leaving.

1. What are some things you are inquisitive about right now? Explain why.
2. What would you do if someone was inquisitive about a secret you have kept for a long time?
3. Should one be inquisitive rather than mind their own business? Discuss.

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