

Lesson Four - Worksheet

This lesson coincides with Chapter Four of the book, "After the Reunion: A Story of Acceptance". The purpose of this lesson is to understand the importance of the author's journey for the second time and to analyze the bond she has with her own daughter.

Chapter Four – "My Second Trip to Visit Mother"

Main Idea and Supporting Details

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

- _____ Grace decided to take her daughter, Arica with her on the trip.
- _____ Grace decided to visit her mother a second time to find out why she left.
- _____ Jerome was concerned about Grace and Arica driving to Geneva's state.

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

- (a) Leading up the second trip, Geneva acting very _____ about Grace coming to visit.
- (b) Grace could not wait for her mother to meet _____.
- (c) Grace felt extremely _____ even through Geneva would probably not agree to move.
- (d) Grace and her daughter pulled out many _____ that she thought Geneva would appreciate.

Sequencing

Read the following lines from Chapter 4 and put them in the correct order.

- (a) They both laughed listened to music. ()
- (b) Grace was planning to share some information with her mother about assisted living facilities. ()
- (c) Geneva was very excited about their visit and asked repeatedly about the date of their arrival. ()
- (d) Grace planned a trip to visit her mother along with her daughter, Arica. ()
- (e) Grace and her daughter decided to drive a rental car. ()
- (f) While preparing for the trip, Grace packed some albums. ()

- (g) Grace was excited and happy at the same time for her mother to meet Arica. ()
- (h) Grace was honored and joyful to receive her daughter's avocado bread. That had always been one of her favorite finger foods. ()
- (i) Terrance pitched in some cash to help them pay for the trip. ()
- (j) They left the evening before June 8 ()

Author's Purpose

*An author writes for one of three reasons:
to entertain, to inform (teach) or to persuade (convince)*

Circle the author's purpose in this chapter?

- (a) to entertain
- (b) to inform
- (c) to persuade

Explain the reason for your answer:

Identifying Cause and Effect

"During our reunion visit, I noted that the more she looked at the pictures, the more it began to "click" for her that we were her children. The more she realized we were her children, the more she opened up, and eventually accepted us."

What is the Cause? _____

What is the Effect? _____

Interpreting and Evaluating Information

What was the purpose of Grace's second visit to her mother?

Comparing and Contrasting

Compare Grace with her daughter Arica and state the similarities between them.

Grace	Similarities	Arica

Language: Idioms

An idiom is a common expression understood figuratively, as the literal meaning makes no sense. Many idioms have been used in this chapter. Write three idioms from Chapter 4.

(a) _____

(b) _____

(c) _____

Inference

Read the short extract from Chapter 4, and place an “X” on the statements that are valid inferences for this extract.

“As I was biting into the delicious snack that my daughter had so carefully prepared, I thought about how grateful I felt that finding my mother had resulted in my sharing this special moment together with my daughter.”

_____ While traveling to visit her mother, Grace and her daughter were having special moments together.

_____ Traveling to visit her mother ultimately resulted in Grace and her daughter getting time to bond.

_____ Grace was excited for her daughter to meet her grandmother.

_____ Grace and her daughter did not sleep in a motel like Jerome suggested.

Character Analysis

Circle all of the traits that suitable for Grace's brothers: Jerome and Terrence.

Devastated Helping Concerned Supportive Guilt Insecure Excited Caring

Character Trait Discussion

The Character Trait for Lesson Four is “loving”.

Loving means feeling and showing love or great care.

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 is loving in the sense that she wants to do everything she can for her mother's well-being and even bring her back home. We can see the same trait in her daughter Arica as well.

1. Describe your relationship with your mother and all things you do together.
2. Why do you think it is important to spend time with your family?
3. If you were in Grace's position, would you drive all the way to visit your mother? Why or why not?

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