

Lesson Two – Worksheet

This lesson coincides with Chapter 2 of the book, 'Finding Mother'. The purpose of this lesson is to analyze the feelings of the main character after a specific event.

Chapter Two – “After Mother Left”

Main Idea and Supporting Details

Place an “X” on the line beside the main idea of Chapter 2.

- _____ The author misses her mother and wants to find her.
- _____ The author feels bad about her own mother not wanting to receive her.
- _____ The author’s father is sensible and genuinely cares about his family.

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

- (a) The protagonist did not _____ with what her father said about her mother.
- (b) The protagonist felt that her grandmother and father were just making excuses
because they _____ her mother.
- (c) The protagonist felt _____ to tell her father that she wanted to find her mother.
- (d) Wanting to know her mother’s side of the story, _____ the author to find her.

Plot Analysis: Conflict

The conflict in a story is the struggle faced by two opposing forces. It is usually the main character that faces some sort of conflict, either with another character (person vs. person) or with themselves (person vs. self).

In ‘Finding Mother’, the author does not believe her father’s reasons for her mother leaving and rejecting her. Although she misses her mother terribly, the author is hesitant to tell her father that she wants to find her.

What kind of conflict do you think the author is facing here? Circle the letter for the correct answer.

a) Person vs. Person

b) Person vs. Self

c) Both

Identifying Cause and Effect

“My father often complained about how my mother got a job working for a dry cleaner and was terminated when she refused to do things according to her boss’s instructions.”

What is the cause? _____

What is the effect? _____

Context Clues

Read the following line from the story, and figure out the meaning of the highlighted word using clues in the sentence. Circle the letter for the correct answer once you are sure.

He **mocked** her voice as he reminisced about the way she used to say, “One of these days I’m going to go far, far away.”

- a) insulted
- b) made fun of
- c) imitated

Interpreting and Evaluating Information

How does the author truly feel about the things her father said about her mother? Write three things from Chapter 2.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Character Trait Discussion

The character trait for Chapter 2 is “grateful”.

Grateful means feeling or showing an appreciation for something done or received.

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.

In the story, the author said she felt grateful that her mother left to get the break she needed.

1. Name one or more things a person may do when they are feeling grateful. Provide one or more examples for each thing you name.
2. What is something that you are extremely grateful for right now?
3. How would you teach someone to be grateful?

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