

Lesson Nine - Worksheet

This lesson coincides with a diary entry dated September 17, 2018 from “Diary of Emotions: Thoughts and Feelings”. The purpose of this lesson is to understand the role of supporting characters in influencing the main conflict of the story.

Entry Date: September 17, 2018

Main Idea and Supporting Details

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

- _____ Grace’s father did not understand that her mother had a serious mental illness.
- _____ Grace’s sister has the exact same mental illness that her mother suffers from.
- _____ Grace finally understands the struggles that her father underwent with her mother.

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

- (a) Grace remembers that her father was _____ over her and her siblings.
- (b) Grace realizes the _____ her father experienced just to keep the family together.
- (c) Grace’s father had gone through a lot trying to _____ children.
- (d) Grace thought her father was making _____ when he was talking badly about her mother.

Making Inferences

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

“I never fully understood his anger and I never fully understood my father’s commitment to us until I met and talked to my mother.”

Why did it take so long for Grace to understand her father’s commitment?

- (a) She needed enough evidence from her siblings to prove that her father cared.
- (b) She just needed time to think and analyze her father because she was too young.
- (c) She needed to know her mother’s side of the story before believing what her father said.

Character Analysis

Write 2 positive and 2 negative things about Grace's father in the table below.

Grace's Father	
Positives	Negatives
1.	1.
2.	2.

Identifying Cause and Effect

"It really made me feel some kind of a way that this worker knew my mother would be happy to see her son."

What is the Cause? _____

What is the Effect? _____

Character Trait Discussion

The Character Trait for Lesson Nine is "unprejudiced".

Unprejudiced means not having or showing unfair bias or prejudice.

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 unprejudiced when thinking about both her parents. She tries to understand the struggle faced by both of them, rather than judging quickly.

1. Do you think is it good to be unprejudiced in life? Why or why not?
2. Are you quick to judge people? How can you tell if someone is a nice person?
3. How would you deal with someone who misunderstood you and blamed you for something?

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