

Lesson Eight - Worksheet

This lesson coincides with a diary entry dated September 16, 2018 from “Diary of Emotions: Thoughts and Feelings”. The purpose of this lesson is to be able to empathize with the main character and understand her conflict.

Entry Date: September 16, 2018

Main Idea and Supporting Details

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

- _____ Grace is upset with her mother for not calling her about the package.
- _____ Grace is having mixed feelings about continuing to keep in touch with her mother.
- _____ Grace does not want to buy her mother more things because they could be stolen.

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

- (a) Grace is considering not calling her mother again since she does not seem _____.
- (b) Grace’s mother said that she was in the hospital because she wanted a _____ from all of her children.
- (c) Grace feels that she should simply be _____ with having found her mother before she passed away.
- (d) Grace’s mother has been living in a boarding home for _____ years.

Literary Elements: Conflict

Read the following lines from the entry and decide what sort of conflict Grace is battling.

“Well anyway, I have a decision to make. I have to decide if I am going to continue to try to reach out to her when it seems as if she does not really care about that. I feel torn between continuing to call her and stopping calling her. I guess I could talk to April about it first. April would probably say, “Just keep calling her,” because she needs family even if she does not act as if she does.”

- (a) Person vs. Person
- (b) Person vs. Self
- (c) Person vs. Fate

Identifying Cause and Effect

“That could also be why neither he, nor my grandmother, took us to visit her in the mental hospital leading up to her disappearance. My father seemed to have known she would not receive us, so taking us to see her might have been more harmful for us than helpful.”

What is the Cause? _____

What is the Effect? _____

Reading for Information

Scan through the entry to find the answers for the following questions. Answer them in a word or two.

(a) What desire did Geneva talk about during the therapy session? _____

(b) What is the name of Grace’s daughter? _____

Interpreting and Evaluating Information

Read the following sentence and answer the question that follows.

“I guess my choice would be to know her, but I realize I am not going to have a mother in the way that I would like to.”

Why do you think Grace prefers to know her mother despite the way she is?

- (a) She does not want to enjoy the experience of having a mother.
- (b) She spent so many years searching for her mother and wanting to know her.
- (c) She wants to be able to take care of her and win her affection.

Character Trait Discussion

The Character Trait for Lesson Eight is “sensible”.

Sensible means being practical and reasonable.

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 this entry, Grace is sensible in analyzing her mother’s condition and possible reasons for not talking to her. She even considers not sending her things because it would make her a target for the people living in the boarding home.

- [illegible]