

Lesson Five - Worksheet

This lesson coincides with Chapter 5 of the book, 'Reuniting with Mother'. The purpose of this lesson is to study the resolution of the story and interpret the author's intent.

Chapter Five – "Our Final Visit With Mother"

Main Idea and Supporting Details

Place an X on the line beside the main idea of the text.

- _____ Grace and her brothers had a chicken dinner with Geneva on the final visit.
- _____ Grace wanted to know why Geneva left her and her brothers.
- _____ Grace wishes that Geneva would accept their offers and move to Kansas City.

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

- (a) Geneva told Grace that she had some _____ to take care of before she could move.
- (b) Terrence told Geneva that if she moved to Kansas City, they could have her _____ fixed and take her to all of her _____.
- (c) Grace was shocked that Geneva preferred to live in the _____ place she was living.
- (d) Geneva had lived in the boarding home for _____ years.

Plot Analysis: Resolution

The resolution in a story happens after the falling action and it typically where the story ends. In the resolution, all the conflicts are resolved and the characters come to an agreement. However, the ending of the story need not always be a happy one. Sometimes authors will end stories in such a way that there are future possibilities for a continuation.

Answer each question briefly to uncover the resolution of this story in Chapter 5.

- (a) What agreement did the characters come to at the end of the chapter?

(b) Was the ending of “Reuniting with Mother” a happy or sad one? Explain.

(c) Do you think there is a possibility for the story to continue in the future? Give reasons.

Identifying Cause and Effect

“We all realized that our hands were somewhat tied since that final decision would have to be hers.”

What is the Cause? _____

What is the Effect? _____

Textual Evidence

Cite one example from the text to show that the boarding home was not a good place for Geneva to live happily.

Textual Evidence	Explanation

Author's Intention

Authors write stories for a variety of reasons. They may want to write the story to get a theme across or even just to teach a moral. It is important to understand the author's purpose for writing the story in order to better understand the text.

Complete the table below to decode the author's intention for writing "Finding Mother After Five Decades" and "Reuniting with Mother".

Name of the Author	Grace LaJoy Henderson
Name(s) of the Book(s)	
Themes in the Story	
Main Character's Name	
Main Character's Traits	
Main Character's Conflict	
Did the main character resolve the conflict in the end?	

Based on the information you wrote in the table above, write a brief note on what you think the author wants you to take from this story.

Story Summary

Fill in the boxes below to create a brief summary for "Reuniting with Mother After Five Decades".

**What happens at the beginning?
Introduce the characters and what
they are doing.**

**What is the main conflict of the
story?**

What is the main idea of the story?

**How were the characters able to
resolve the conflict?**

**What happens at the end of the
story?**

Character Trait Discussion

The character trait for Chapter 3 is “tenaciousness”.

Tenaciousness refers to someone or something that holds on firmly.

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's tenaciousness helped her to find her mother although it took forty-nine years.

1. When some goals take longer to achieve, it becomes easier to give up. What would motivate you to be tenacious in this case?
2. Name someone you know who is tenacious? Explain why you think they are tenacious.
3. Are there disadvantages to being tenacious? If so, what are they?

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