

Lesson Five - Worksheet

This lesson coincides with Chapter 5 of the book, 'Finding Mother'. The purpose of this lesson is to understand the main character's motivation behind pursuing her goal.

Chapter Five – "The Search Continues"

Main Idea and Supporting Details

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

- _____ Grace is hopeful about finding her mother even though it's been
forty-one years.
- _____ Some kind-hearted people have come forward to help Grace find her mother.
- _____ Grace has already tried to find her mother using her social security number.

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

- (a) Grace walked into a _____ office to help her find her mother.
- (b) Grace decided to use the _____ for her new book to try to locate her mother.
- (c) When she published her foster care story, Grace purposely included the names of her _____ and _____.
- (d) Grace sent a _____ with _____ to her mother through the Social Security Administration Office.

Sequencing

"X" all the things that Grace did in Chapter 5 to search for her mother.

- Grace searched for Geneva's biological family. ()
- She paid Sherry to help her find Geneva. ()
- She decided to use the announcement for her new book to try to locate her mother. ()
- Using the address the woman found for her, Grace visited the property. ()
- She included the real names of her family in her foster care story hoping that someone would recognize it. ()
- Grace went on the TV show even though they couldn't find her mother. ()

Identifying Cause and Effect

“However, due to Joe having such a common first and last name, there were tons of them listed in the census records. As a result, it was impossible to tell which one of them was the correct one.”

What is the cause? _____

What is the effect? _____

Interpreting and Evaluating Information

*How did Grace feel when some people volunteered to help her find her mother?
Circle the letter for the correct answer.*

- a) She felt that they would not be successful, but was willing to give them a chance.
- b) She did not feel confident that they would come up with anything.
- c) She was certain that they would be able to find her mother using her social security number.

Story Structure and Author Intention

Writers structure stories in different ways, depending on their reasons for writing them.

A **milieu** story structure focuses on the world surrounding the characters you create.

A **character** story structure is all about the character’s growth, transformation or downfall.

An **event** story structure is about fixing an external problem where something is wrong and the characters need to set it right.

What structure is the author following for ‘Finding Mother’?

Circle the letter for the correct answer.

- (a) milieu (b) character (c) event

Character Trait Discussion

The character trait for Chapter 4 is “hopeful”.

Hopeful means feeling or inspiring optimism about a future event.

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 chapter, Grace tries to remain hopeful about finding her mother one day despite several unsuccessful attempts to locate her.

1. Do you think it is good to be hopeful for things? Explain why or why not.
2. What is something you have been hopeful for something? Did you receive what you were hoping for?
3. What do you think is the right way to handle disappointment?

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