

Lesson Six - Worksheet

This lesson coincides with Chapter 6 of the book, 'Finding Mother'. The purpose of this lesson is to understand the impact of failure on the main character and how she deals with it.

Chapter Six – "Losing Hope, Then Finding a Glimmer"

Main Idea and Supporting Details

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

_____ Grace feels like nobody can help her find her mother.

_____ Grace has almost given up hope on finding her mother.

_____ Grace imagined miraculously finding her mother though hope was dim.

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

(a) Grace felt _____ when the talk shows she wrote to did not respond to her messages.

(b) Instead of feeling _____, she was beginning to feel _____.

(c) Grace decided that if she could not find her mother, she would try to locate her _____.

(d) Grace felt good that she found _____ related to her mother in some way.

Sequencing

Write YES or NO as the answer for each statement.

(a) Grace lost hope in finding her mother during her inactive searching time. _____

(b) She felt annoyed when the suggestions people gave her didn't work out. _____

(c) Grace never enjoyed watching TV talk show reunions. _____

(d) She felt happy for the people who had found their relatives even though she hadn't found hers. _____

(e) Grace decided to watch the reunion show immediately after her friend told her about it. _____

(f) Grace's big sister Carla had been missing for over ten years. _____

Plot Analysis: Rising Action

The rising action in a story moves the plot closer to the climax. It is the part where obstacles stand in the way of the author achieving his/her goal.

What obstacle do you think Grace has to get through in order to achieve her goal of finding her mother?

- (a) Facing the reality of perhaps never finding her at all.
- (b) Dealing with endless searches, which could take years to produce any strong leads.
- (c) Not being able to find a single clue about her mother's whereabouts.
- (d) All of the above.

Identifying Cause and Effect

"Because of my increasingly raw feelings, I eventually stopped watching reunion shows altogether. I purposely avoided those types of shows because they revealed the harsh reality that my mother was missing and I may never find her."

What is the cause? _____

What is the effect? _____

Interpreting and Evaluating Information

Circle the letter for the correct answer.

From the feelings expressed by the author in this chapter, we can conclude that....

- a) She feels frustrated and hopeless about ever finding her mother.
- b) She is jealous of the people on talk show reunions because they could find their relatives.
- c) She has not completely given up as she has decided to look for her siblings and mother's relatives.
- (d) All of the above.

Character Trait Discussion

The character trait for Chapter 4 is "hopelessness".

Hopelessness means a feeling or state of despair.

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 is beginning to feel completely hopeless and has started feeling jealous of people who have found their long-lost family members.

1. When would you give up if you were searching for a missing relative?
2. Discuss a time when you completely lost hope in something?
3. How would you encourage someone who has lost hope in something they wanted so badly?

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