

### **“Beauty”Active Reading Outline**

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| <b>Name</b>       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Date</b>       | <b>February 7, 2020</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Topic</b>      | <b>“Beauty” by Alice Walker</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Pages</b>      | <b>42-48</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>Directions</b> | Make a copy of this document and organize the electronic file in your saved work. Type your responses in the boxes to the right. The boxes will automatically adjust when you type. Print out your work in preparation for class. Save your Active Reading Outline in your binder under Class Handouts. Please use your completed Outline as a place to write down your in-class notes. |

| Text From Book                                        | Reader Response and Reactions |
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| Where is the dad taking three of his children?        |                               |
| What happens to Alice Walker when she is 8 years old? |                               |
| What bothers her the most about what happened?        |                               |
| What did Walker pray for?                             |                               |
| What brings Walker to her                             |                               |

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| knees?                                                                                                                                                                                                           |  |
| What does Walker's daughter say about her eye?                                                                                                                                                                   |  |
| Walker's essay moves forward in time through abrupt though steadily progressive descriptions of episodes. Why do you think Walker chose this form instead of providing transitions from one episode to the next? |  |
| Consider Walker's method of contrasting other people's memories with her own. What effect is created by the repetition of "You did not change"?                                                                  |  |
| Consider Walker's choices of episodes or examples of beauty. How does each one work toward developing a definition of beauty?                                                                                    |  |
| In what ways does the essay play with the possible meanings of the familiar adage, "Beauty is in the eye of the beholder."?                                                                                      |  |

