

The Lesson, Daily Writing

Directions: Read the story: 30 minutes. Answer the following. 40 minutes.

1. What is the point of view of the story? _____
2. In context, "Blood-deep" (1st paragraph, p. 117) is best understood to indicate that
 - a. Aunt Gretchen inherited her habits
 - b. Aunt Gretchen took on other people's problems often
 - c. Aunt Gretchen worked so hard her skin was scarred in places
 - d. Aunt Gretchen was ambitious
3. In a paragraph of at least 4 sentences that uses specific evidence from the story, describe the narrator of the story.
4. Write an 8 sentence sentence paragraph that explains the lesson Sylvia learned. Hint: use the term **DRAMATIC IRONY**.
5. Put your analytical hats on. Consider the below physical items in the story. What are their symbolic, or connotative meanings, or meanings beyond the literal, in the context of the story?

1. (e.g) The Mailbox	The Mailbox is literally the meeting place, but it symbolizes information being exchanged. In the story the mailbox marks the beginning and the end of a journey, like the mail itself.
2. The Winos	
3. The Microscope	
4. The Sailboat	
5. (you pick!)	