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BEEHIVE

CH-3 : The Little Girl

Theme: The theme of "The Little Girl" revolves around the evolving relationship between a young girl named Kezia and her father. Initially, Kezia perceives her father as a strict and fearsome figure. However, as the story progresses, she begins to understand his love and care for her, highlighting themes of familial bonds, understanding, and the complexities of parent-child relationships.

Q. Answer the following questions.

- Discuss a moment in the story where Kezia showed initiative. What were the consequences of her actions?
- How did Kezia's perception of her father change by the end of the story?
- How Kezia's understanding of her father's behaviour evolved. What did she learn about him?
- How does the story "The Little Girl" illustrate the complexities of parent-child relationships? Provide examples from the text to support your answer.
- Discuss the emotional and psychological journey of Kezia in "The Little Girl." How does she evolve from the beginning to the end of the story?

Poem 3: Rain on the Roof

Theme: The theme of the poem "Rain on the Roof" by Coates Kinney centres around the nostalgic and soothing effect of rain. The sound of raindrops falling on the roof evokes memories of the poet's childhood and deceased mother, bringing a sense of comfort and emotional reflection. The poem highlights the connection between nature's elements and human emotions, illustrating how the gentle, rhythmic sound of rain can trigger deep feelings of nostalgia, peace, and longing for the past.

Poetic Devices:

Alliteration:

The repetition of consonant sounds at the beginning of words in close proximity.

Example: "lie listening," "starry spheres", "busy being", "rain roof" etc.

Onomatopoeia:

- Words that imitate the natural sound associated with them.
- Example: "patter," "tinkle."

Personification:

- Attributing human qualities to non-human entities.
- Example: The raindrops are described as "a thousand dreamy fancies into busy being start."

Transferred Epithet:

- The use of an adjective with a noun when it refers to another noun.
- ‘dreamy fancies’ – it does not mean that the fancies are dreamy but refers to the people who have dreams.

Simile:

- A figure of speech that makes a comparison between two different things using "like" or "as."
- Example: Not explicitly present in the poem, but similar comparative descriptions can be interpreted.

Hyperbole:

- Exaggerated statements or claims not meant to be taken literally.
- Example: “a thousand dreamy fancies into busy being start.”

Repetition:

- Repeated use of words or phrases for emphasis.
- Example: The repetition of “rain” and “patter” emphasizes the persistent sound of rain.

Q. Answer the following questions.

- a. How does the poet personify the raindrops in the poem?
- b. What is the significance of the poet's mother in the poem?
- c. Explain the phrase "a thousand dreamy fancies into busy being start."
- d. How does the poet use imagery to describe the effect of rain on the roof?
- e. Analyze how Coates Kinney uses sensory imagery to create a vivid picture of the rainy night.
- f. How does the poem "Rain on the Roof" illustrate the theme of memory and nostalgia? Provide examples from the text.

CH-4 : A Truly Beautiful Mind

Theme: The theme of "A Truly Beautiful Mind" revolves around the extraordinary intellect and humanitarian values of Albert Einstein. It highlights the harmony between scientific genius and moral integrity, demonstrating how Einstein's revolutionary contributions to science were paralleled by his deep commitment to peace, social justice, and the betterment of humanity. The chapter emphasizes the importance of using one's talents not just for personal gain, but for the greater good of the society.

Q. Answer the following questions.

- a. What qualities made Einstein's mind truly beautiful, according to the chapter?
- b. How did Einstein react to the bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki?
- c. What challenges did Albert Einstein face in his early education?
- d. Why does the world remember Einstein as a “World Citizen”?

e. Analyze the ways in which Einstein's humanitarian efforts complemented his scientific achievements. Provide examples from the chapter.

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CH-2 : The Adventures of Toto

Theme: "The Adventures of Toto" revolves around the mischievous and adventurous nature of a pet monkey named Toto and the challenges of keeping a wild animal as a pet. It explores themes of curiosity, chaos, and the unpredictable behaviour of animals. The story highlights the bond between humans and animals while also illustrating the difficulties and humorous incidents that arise when trying to domesticate a wild creature. It ultimately underscores the idea that wild animals are best suited to their natural habitats.

Q. Answer the following questions.

- a. Why was Toto finally sent back to the tonga-driver?
- b. Evaluate the role of humour in "The Adventures of Toto.
- c. What does Toto's behaviour reveal about the nature of wild animals??
- d. Discuss the challenges faced by the narrator's family in keeping Toto as a pet. How did these challenges highlight the differences between domestic and wild animals?
- e. Analyse the narrator's relationship with Toto. What does it reveal about the bond between humans and animals, especially wild ones?