

Gathering Blue

Chapter #8

1) Discuss this question.

What's happening at the beginning of the chapter?

2) Discuss the following questions:

- 1) What does Kira ask about Matt's family? How does he react?
- 2) What does Kira find surprising about Annabella and her mother?
- 3) How does Annabella start teaching Kira? What's Kira's first task?
- 4) What are plants associated with according to Annabella?
- 5) What did Katrina tell Annabella about Kira?
- 6) What does Kira smell when Annabella lifts the lid? What does Annabella say about it?

3) Describe Annabella. Who was she and how did she look like?

4) Vocabulary

What do these actions mean?

"But to use the knowledge of the threading, you must learn the making of the shades. When **to sadden** with the iron pot. How **to bloom** the colors. How **to bleed**" (p.68)

5) Final reflections

1) Which colour did Kira notice was missing? What did Annabella say about it?

2)
"I can give you some threads," she said, "to start the repair. But you must learn the dyes. There are other things they'll want of you." Kira thought again of the untouched expanse across the back and shoulders of the robe. It was what they would want of her, to fill that space with **future**.

What do you think Kira could be asked to do with the singer's robe?