

1. Which of the following words and phrases relate to the grandmother?

relate to the granddaughter? Copy and complete the word maps.

filled with
tears

pass by

sunned the
mattresses

tired bones

towel

trapped

walk away

washed the
sheets

Grandmother

Granddaughter

2. Who is the speaker in the poem?

3. Who is the speaker talking about?

4. What does the old woman do during the day? Name two things.

5. What do we learn about the old woman's life?

6. How does the speaker's perspective change at the end of the poem?

7. What is the perspective of the grandmother in the poem?

8. The setting is the time and place in which the events of a story or a poem occur. What is the setting of the poem?

9. Did the speaker intend to stop and have a real conversation with her grandmother? Why or why not? Which words in the poem helped you decide?

10. Why do the speaker's eyes fill with tears? What does she realize?

11. What does the poet say about the importance of family ties in the poem? Do you share her perspective?

12. The theme of the poem is its central idea or message. What do you think the message of the poem is?
