

A Visit to Grandmother by William Melvin Kelley

Thinking About the Selection

1. Respond: With which character in the story do you sympathize most strongly?

2. (a) Recall: What reason does Charles give for leaving home when he was fifteen?

(b) Hypothesize: What Other reasons might he have had? Support your answer with story details.

3. (a) Recall: How does Charles react to Mama's story about GL and the horse?

(b) Compare and Contrast: In what way does his reaction contrast with the way Mama feels about the story?

4. (a) Speculate: What might Charles's relationship with his mother be like in the future? Explain.

5. (a) Summarize: Describe Mama's approach to raising her children.