

A Crush

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Job Description

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Discussion Leader

A discussion leader is a person who introduces the topic of the story and the leader of the discussion. They ask at least 10 questions to find out the level of comprehension in the group.

Connector

A connector is the person who ask at least 5 questions that connects to the text to world, text to self, and text to text.

Summarizer

A summarizer is a person who sums up the main idea of the story. This person is also has to do a plot map. The plot map includes exposition, rising action, climax, falling action, and resolution.

Literary Illuminator (Passage Picker)

A passage picker is a person who locates at least 5 passages that stand out. Writes a paragraph reflection on each passage.

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Illustrator

An illustrator is a person who illustrates an important event/scene in the story. It must be done in color. The illustrator also write a quote from which the illustration comes from.

Vocabulary Viewer

A vocabulary viewer is a person who locates a difficult word or expression from the story and then looks them up in the dictionary and write down the definition. Writes the sentence the word is contained in as well as the page number, the part of speech, and antonyms and synonyms.

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Discussion Leader



1. What are some of Dolores' characteristics? How do you think these would affect Ernie's judgement? (Analysis)

1A. Some of Dolores' characteristics are what we would believe to be very boyish and she isn't one to care what people think of her. We think that Ernie likes her just the way she is.

2. What would happen if Ernie didn't leave the flowers for Dolores at her doorstep? (Synthesis)

2A. Dolores would still not care how about her appearance and still have the same disposition.

3. Why do you think Ernie got so worried about his seeds when he saw that Jack was opening little packages and emptying them on the ground? (Analysis)

3A. He thought that Jack was opening Ernie's own packet of Burpee seeds that was his only connection to his past and his deceased mother.



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Discussion Leader #2

4. What condition do you feel that Ernie suffers from? (Analysis)

4A. I think that Ernie might suffer from a condition that slows the mental development of a person such as a child, due to him being premature.

5. How effective do you feel Ernie's show of admiration through the flowers was? (Evaluation)

5A. I think that the expression of love through the flowers were actually pretty effective because she realized how she had a secret admirer and slowly began improving herself.

6. What questions could you ask of Jack to discover more of his characteristics and background? (Application)

6A. Some questions would include:

What would have motivated you to volunteer at the group home?

What was your childhood like?

Was there any difficulty in your childhood that made you want to start helping people such as Ernie himself?

7. What purpose did it serve Jack to observe Ernie discreetly? (Analysis)

7A. Jack made small observations to see what were Ernie's emotions. Also due to him being a volunteer at the group home, he has to note if Ernie was improving.

Discussion Leader

8. What differences exist between both Ernie and Dolores? (Comprehension)

8A. Ernie's personality is more childlike, while Dolores' personality is more mature.

9. Why do you think Dolores owned a tattoo imprinted on her arm? (Analysis)

9A. I think Ernie was really scared because he doesn't go out that often so it was a new experience for him. He is usually imprisoned in the group home, and so the thought of going into a different location frightened him.

10. Write in your own words why you believe Ernie was so nervous to eat at big boys? (Evaluation)

10A. I think that she has a tattoo because she wants to express her personality. Her tattoo is a bird symbolizing that she is carefree. She do not care about her appearance.



Connector



1. Why do you think Ernie fell so hard in love with Dolores in that instant?

1A. He loved her so much because he has never seen anyone as beautiful as Dolores and also because of her tattoo, which made her unique.

2. Does Dolores have any characteristics similar to those of Ernie?

2A. Dolores and Ernie are both complete opposites. Ernie is romantic, while Dolores could care less about love, until she realizes she has a secret admirer.

3. Do you know another instance where someone sends flowers to express their emotions?

3A. Yes when someone dates another person usually the guy would give flowers to make the woman happy.

4. What condition you think Ernie has might affect kids today?

4A. Ernie seems to have a speech and mental disability, so we think it is autism.

5. Are any of Dolores' characteristics similar to those of Katniss from Catching Fire?

5A. They are both not very girly, but they are willing to change their appearance. They also are not very romantic, but are willing to try.



Summarizer



A Crush Plot Map

The windows of Stan's Hardware began to fill up with flowers. Dolores the assistant manager, however didn't care much for her appearance.

Ernie, Dolores' neighbor however was not aware of this and loved her anyway. Ernie's mother had recently died and he had been placed in a group home.

Ernie's only connection to his past is a packet of Burpee seeds whom were once accidentally delivered to him. At the group home, Ernie and one of the volunteers spend most of their time in the garden

One day, Jack takes Ernie to the Big Boy and sees Dolores, instantly falling in love with her.

Ernie then decides to plant his precious seeds, so that they will bloom into flowers for Dolores.

When Ernie's flowers started blooming in July, he spent most of his time in the garden. Everyday, Ernie would leave the flowers in the clear mason jars outside of Stan's Hardware.

Later on Dolores would start improving herself just for her secret admirer, Ernie. Dick started to talk and socialize with the customers more.

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Summary

Dolores is completely unattractive and does not care for her image. Ernie however is not aware of this and falls in love with her, when he sees her from the glass window of the Big Boy. Ernie is a man with a mental disability and after his mother died, he gets moved to a group home, for people with similar situations. His only connection to his past is the packet of Burpee seeds that were accidentally sent to him once. One day, one of the volunteers at the group home named Jack takes Ernie to the Big Boy, where he sees Dolores and feels a whirlwind of emotion towards her. This drives him to give up his seeds to plant flowers for her. Luckily, he seems to get out his message clear and strong which moves Dolores into even changing her image as well.

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Passage Picker



AKA Jaci LOL XD

1) "...So they all figured somebody had a crush and kept quiet..." (Rylant 68)

Everyone saw that the flowers that were brought in to Stan's Hardware were for Dolores, but yet no one said anything about the matter.

2) "...Dolores was the only woman in town with a tattoo..." (Rylant 68)

The author is describing Dolores as the reason why everyone thinks differently of her.

3) "...that the flowers in Stan's front window had anything to do with Dolores seemed completely improbable..." (Rylant 69)

The people are saying that no one would ever think of bringing flowers for Dolores because they know she's never loved before. Also her characteristics and appearance make her far from attractive.

Passage Picker #2

4) "...Ernie would not be able to speak in sentences until he was six years old..." (Rylant 70)

This tells the reader that Ernie had a slower mental development than the average child.

5) "...Love is such a mystery.." (Rylant 72)

This quote explains how love is complicated with diverse emotions that are difficult to understand.

Ernie at first felt panic, thinking they were his seeds, which were ever so sentimental to him. Not only did Ernie have a mental disability, his mother had also passed away not long ago. Ernie's only connection to his past and to his deceased mother, were these Burpee seeds, which were accidentally delivered to him once. Ernie however didn't know what these packets could do. Once he sees Jack do it however, he sees what the seeds inside can truly do. When he falls in love with Dolores, he uses these seeds to grow flowers for her.

Illustrator



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Vocabulary Viewer

VOCAB WORD	DEFINITION
PRESERVATIVE(N)	ANY SUBSTANCE THAT WILL PREVENT DECAY OR INJURY
IMPROBABLE(ADJ)	NOT PROBABLE/ NOT LIKELY TO HAPPEN
TREMBLING(V)	SHAKING BECAUSE OF FEAR
DISCREETLY(ADV)	VERY CAREFUL AND SENSIBLE IN SPEECH
CARBURETOR(N)	A DEVICE IN AN INTERNAL COMBUSTION ENGINE FOR MIXING AIR WITH A FINE SPRAY OF LIQUID
VENTURED(N)	DOING SOMETHING WITH A RISK OF A LOSS
COAX(V)	TO INFLUENCE OR PERSUADE
CONVERSATION(N)	THE INFORMAL EXCHANGE OF IDEAS BY SPOKEN WORDS
UNCERTAINLY(ADJ)	NOT ASSURED
SPECULATION(N)	CONSIDERATION OF SOME SUBJECT

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Vocabulary Viewer #2

Preservative (Rylant 68) - "Excess flowers usually means death, but since these were all real flowers bearing the aroma of nature instead of floral preservative."

Improbable (Rylant 69) - "That the flowers in Stan's front window had anything to do with Dolores seemed completely improbable."

Trembling (Rylant 73) - "Ernie pulled off the heavy tape, his fingers trembling, and found inside the box more little packages of seeds than he could count.

Discreetly (Rylant 73) - "Jack watched Ernie watch Dolores & discreetly said nothing"

Carburetor (Rylant 69) - "...fellows couldn't figure out how to court someone who knew more about the carburetor of a car..."

Ventured (Rylant 70) - "Ernie had ventured onto the porch."

Coax (Rylant 69) - "...they'd try to coax out of Dolores the history of her coyote."

Conversation (Rylant 74) - "Dick started spending more time out on the floor making conversation with the customers.."

Uncertainly (Rylant 73) - The fragile green stems on his flowers stood uncertainly in the soil..."

speculation (Rylant 68) - "...of the flowers in those clear Mason jars lining the window's of Stan's Hardware, and speculation had to move onto Dolores."

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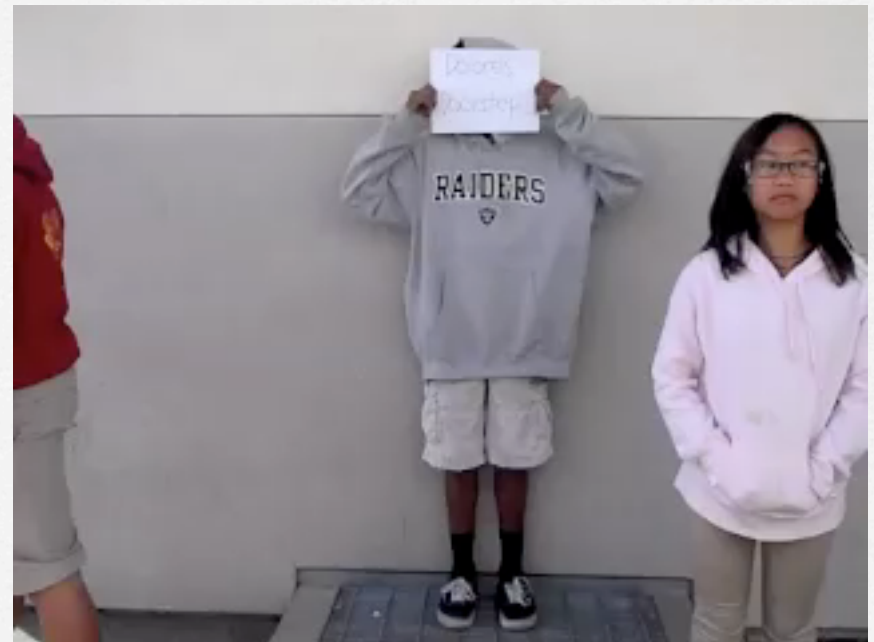


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