

THE MIRACULOUS JOURNEY OF EDWARD TULANE by Kate DiCamillo

Lesson 3

Chapters 17, 18 and 19

Vocabulary

- Find a word or phrase which suggests that Sarah Ruth is pleased when she is given Edward.
- Can you find and underline any keywords or phrases that describe the setting in Chapter 17?

Infer

- Read page 131 at the beginning of Chapter 17. Who do you think the 'he' might be that Bryce is referring to?
- Edward made a wish on the falling star. What do you think he might have wished for?
- Why do you think Sarah Ruth's father cries when she dies? Did he love her?

Predict

- Read to the end of Chapter 18. What do you think will happen to Sarah Ruth?

Explain

- Throughout the story, Edward is lost by those who are looking after him. Have you ever lost anything? How did you feel? What happened?
- How is Edward's relationship with Sarah Ruth different to his relationship to the other people who have looked after him or found him?

Retrieve

- Can you describe the house in which Bryce and Sarah Ruth live?
- Why can Sarah Ruth only say one word at a time?
- Where does Bryce take Edward at the end of Chapter 19?

Summarise

- Can you number these events from the story so far from 1-5 in the order that they happened? Bryce takes Edward to Memphis, Edward is taken home to Sarah Ruth, Bryce attaches string to Edward so he can dance for Sarah Ruth, Bryce saves Edward from the old woman's garden, Sarah Ruth dies.
- Describe Sarah Ruth in one word.

Chapters 20, 21 and 22

Vocabulary

- Explain the meaning of the following words: dusk, elegant, soared
- Use the word 'pointed' in two different sentences – once as a noun and once as a verb.

Infer

- How might Edward be feeling when the lady in Memphis calls him 'dirty' and 'nasty'?
- Re-read Chapter 20. How can you tell that Edward has given up all hope?
- Why do you think Edward can walk in Chapter 22?

Predict

- Read to the end of Chapter 20. Do you think Edward and Bryce will continue to try and make money on the streets?
- Read to the bottom of page 161. Do you think Bryce will be able to pay for his food order? What might happen?

Explain

- Do you think Bryce is crying over the death of his sister or the fact that the people in Memphis have been cruel about his street act? Maybe he is crying over both? What do you think?
- Edward dreams of going home to Egypt Street. What does 'home' mean to you? Is there a difference between a 'house' and a 'home'?

Retrieve

- Edward thinks he sees Abilene when he is dancing on the streets in Memphis. True or false?
- What is the name of the waitress in Neal's Diner?
- How does Neal react when Bryce tells him he can't pay for the food?

Summarise

- In Chapter 22, Edward sees all the people who have looked after him and loved him so far in the story. Can you create a poster showing all the different names and outfits Edward has had so far? Can you design your own outfit for Edward that you think he would approve of?
- Describe how the reader feels after reading these chapters in one word.

Chapters 23, 24, 25 and 26

Vocabulary

- Use a dictionary to find the meaning of the following words: humble, modesty, perceive.
- Look at page 187. Find and copy a word which means the same as 'conceited'.
- Which keywords and phrases tell you about Lucius?

Infer

- How might Bryce be feeling when he is told he must give Edward up in order for him to be fixed? What are your first impressions of Lucius?
- Why do you think the doll in the green satin dress is so mean to Edward?
- Why do you think Natalie chooses the old doll to take home with her?

Predict

- Read to the end of Chapter 23. Do you think Bryce will return for Edward?
- Read to the end of Chapter 25. What role do you think the old doll will play in Edward's journey?

Explain

- Bryce is given two options by Lucius. Which one would you choose and why?
- Can you explain how the old doll helps Edward? Has anyone ever helped you to change your attitude or opinion?
- The old doll tells Edward, 'You disappoint me.' Who does this remind you of?
- What do you think Edward has learned by the end of Chapter 26?

Retrieve

- What is the name of the man who fixes Edward in Chapter 23?
- How many pieces had Edward's head smashed into?
- Bryce is given two options by Lucius. What are they?

Summarise

- Describe the old doll in one word.

Chapters 27 and Coda

Vocabulary

- Find two things the author wrote about Edward at the beginning of the story that made him unlikeable.
- Find two things the author wrote about Edward at the end of the story that show he has changed.

Infer

- How might Abilene be feeling when Maggie picks up Edward?
- What might Edward be thinking when Maggie picks him up?

Predict

- Do you think Abilene and Maggie will lose Edward? Yes, no or maybe? Explain your answer using evidence from the text.

Explain

- What life lessons has Edward learnt on his journey?
- Who do you think was the most important person in Edward's journey?
- How has Edward changed by the end of the story?
- Can you compare this story to Pinocchio by Carlo Collodi? How are the two stories similar? How are they different?
- Would you change any part of the story? How? Why?

Retrieve

- Who finds Edward in Chapter 27?
- How did Edward recognise his old friend at the end of the story?

a) By her pocket watch

b) By her appearance

c) By her voice

d) By her locket

Summarise

- In the Coda, the author summarises Edward's journey. Can you write your own summary of his miraculous journey?
 - What was the first thing that happened in the story? What was the last?
 - Describe Edward's journey in one word.
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HOMEWORK:

Write a **sequel** to the story.

OR

Explain who your **favourite character** is and **why**.