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"A Mother in Mannville" – Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings

**Guided Notes:**

Page 223 – Writers reaction to Jerry’s mother

- Original reaction - \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_
- Distressed (upset) because she didn’t understand \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- Shock and disturbance turns to a “passionate \_\_\_\_\_”
- The writer is angry because she does not understand how someone could \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- Orphanage
  - \_\_\_\_\_(decent) wholesome place
  - executives (heads of the school) were \_\_\_\_\_
  - food was more than \_\_\_\_\_ (sufficient)
- pg 223
  - “ what blood fed the bowels of a woman”
    - meaning: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
  - “who did not yearn over this child’s lean body”
    - meaning: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
  - “that had come in parturition out of her own”
    - **meaning:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- Writer refrains from asking questions because she is afraid it may pain Jerry
  - Jerry gives information about her:
    - \_\_\_\_\_
    - \_\_\_\_\_
    - \_\_\_\_\_
    - \_\_\_\_\_
- Writer brainstorms reasons mother would have left
  - Poverty?
    - Connection between physical nourishment and emotional nourishment
      - Quote pg 224 “I hated her. Poverty or no, \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_.  
\_\_\_\_\_. He was taking his dollar to buy gloves for her big and stupid hands, and she lived away from him, in Mannville, and contented herself with sending him skates."

- Are these feelings fair?

- Response \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

- Figurative Language

- Simile

- Pg 224 "The human mind scatters interests as though made of thistledown, and every wind stirs and moves it"

- Meaning: (hint: thistledown- the fluffy mass of hairs attached to the seeds of the mature flower....think the white puffy dandelion) \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

- The writer no longer feels bad for Jerry

- He had a mother

- He did not question the \_\_\_\_\_(abnormal) relationship

- \_\_\_\_\_

- The writer decides to leave the cabin

- Jerry's reaction

- \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

- The writer leaves and wants to say good-bye to Jerry

- Jerry is not there

- Easier that he is not there than saying goodbye

- Mentions mother and giving money to Jerry

- Miss Clark's reaction

- \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

- Jerry misled the narrator about his mother. He does not have one.