

Elements of Fiction Worksheet - Teacher's Answers

Plot

What is the main event or turning point in Sandra Cisneros' story 'Eleven'?

Sample Answer: The main event is when Mrs. Price puts the red sweater on Rachel's desk and forces her to wear it, even though it is not hers.

Setting

Where does the story take place, and how does the setting affect Rachel's feelings?

Sample Answer: The story takes place in a classroom on Rachel's birthday. The setting makes Rachel feel trapped and embarrassed in front of her classmates.

Character

Describe Rachel. What details from the story reveal her character?

Sample Answer: Rachel is sensitive, shy, and thoughtful. Her internal struggle and her wish to be older show her vulnerability and immaturity.

Point of View

What point of view is the story told from? How does this influence the way we understand Rachel?

Sample Answer: The story is told from the first-person point of view. This lets readers directly experience Rachel's emotions and thoughts, making her feelings more personal and relatable.

Conflict

What is the main conflict Rachel faces in the story, and how does she respond to it?

Sample Answer: Rachel faces the conflict of being wrongly accused of owning the red sweater. She responds by staying quiet, feeling powerless, and eventually crying.

Theme

What lesson or message do you think Sandra Cisneros is trying to share in 'Eleven'?

Sample Answer: The story highlights how growing up is complicated, and how emotions from all ages remain inside us. It also shows the unfairness children sometimes face when adults don't listen to them.