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The Hundred Dresses Part-II

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Eleanor Estes (May 9, 1906 – July 15, 1988) was an American children's author and a children's librarian. Her book, [*Ginger Pye*](#), which she also created illustrations for, won the [Newbery Medal](#). Three of her books were [Newbery Honor](#) Winners, and one was awarded the [Lewis Carroll Shelf Award](#). Estes' books were based on her life in small town Connecticut in the early 1900s.

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Wanda was a very poor girl and used to wear the same blue dress every day. But she had good talent in making paintings. She used to tell their friends that she had hundred dresses at home. After few days her friends Maddie and Peggy started teasing her about her hundred dresses, but Wanda was very kind hearted and sensitive girl. She did not tell anything in return when she was teased by others. She felt very bad and did not come to school for several days. One fine day, her father wrote a letter to Wanda's class teacher that she will not be coming to school forever.

Introduction

The Hundred Dresses II- Introduction

In continuation of the previous lesson, “The Hundred Dresses II” reveals why Wanda Petronski had not been coming to school. The Petronski family decided to move to a big city where no one would care about their unfamiliar name. On hearing the note, Maddie and Peggy got anxious as they realised that they would never get a chance for making amends for all the teasing they had done. Both the girls get relieved only on learning that Wanda liked them and had dedicated one of the hundred dresses (drawings) to each one of them

Summary

The Hundred Dresses II- Summary

The lesson begins with all the students of Room no. 13 having a look at the wonderful drawings of Wanda Petronski. Only then, a note is received by Miss Mason from Wanda's father informing that none of his two children will attend the school as they are moving to a big city where no one would judge them for their names. Miss Mason was left shocked and conveyed her disappointment to the class. Maddie was affected by this letter of Wanda's father. She instantly developed an urge to apologise to Wanda. Peggy and Maddie, the two best friends rush to Boggin Heights hoping that the family hadn't moved yet. But to their dismay, there was no sign of life in and around the house. Maddie lost her sleep thinking what a coward she is who couldn't stand against the wrong. That day she decided that she'll never let anyone tease someone like that again. That weekend Peggy and Maddie decided to write a letter to Wanda that was originally meant to be apologetic but they ended up writing a friendly note asking her how did she like the new place. Weeks passed by and there was no reply until one day near Christmas, Miss Mason announces that she heard from Wanda. In that letter, Wanda wrote she misses everyone and conveyed her intention of gifting one dress each to Maddie and Peggy because she has a whole new lot of hundred dresses lined up in her new house. Both of them were happy to receive it and later realised that it was their faces she had drawn along with the dresses. Thus, they both concluded that Wanda did like them.

Character sketch of Peggy

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Peggy was the most famous girl of the school and she was very talented. In spite of teasing Wanda often, she was not mean from heart. After seeing Wanda's drawings, she realized that Wanda was more talented than her. When Wanda was leaving, Peggy was stuck with guilt. She later learnt the lesson that bullying and teasing others is not right.

Character sketch of Maddie

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Maddie is the best friend of Peggy who was also involved in teasing Wenda. She was extremely poor and borrowed many dresses from Peggy which her mother used to alter so that nobody in school could remember seeing them before. Maddie was guilty too for teasing Wenda and decided would never tease anyone again. Read more on Brainly.in - <https://brainly.in/question/4660320#readmore>

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- * **Circling** = moving round (आसपास घूमना); **thoughtfully** = thinking deeply (गहरा सोचना); **shuffling** = making sound of feet while walking (चलते समय पैरों से
- * आवाज करना); **tense** = serious (गंभीर), **deliberately** = intentionally (जान-बूझकर);
- * **Indicated** = showed (दिखाया); **listened closely** = heard attentively (ध्यान से सुना);
- * **holler** = cry loudly (जोर-से चीखना); **Pollack** = a word suggesting anger (गुस्सा दशाने वाला शब्द); **plenty** = enough (काफी); **unfamiliar** = unacquainted (अपेक्षित)।
- * **Thoughtlessness** = without thinking (बिना सोचे); **unfortunate** = unlucky (अभागा); **stood by** = supported (सहारा दिया); **coward** = lacking courage (कायर);
- * **mean** = with bad mentality (कमीना); **stole a glance** = looked secretly (चोरी से देखा)।
- * **Pretended** = showy (दिखावापूर्ण); **casualness** = carelessness (लापरवाही); **glowed** = became hopeful (आशावान); **forbidding** = bad (बुरा); **drizzly** = rainy (बरसात वाला);
- * **damp** = wet (गीला); **dismal** = sad (उदास); **gruelling** = roughly (कठोरता से); **dumb** = unfeeling (बिना भावना के); **gee** = exclamation of joy (खुशी की अभिव्यक्ति);
- * **wisps** = pieces (टुकड़े); **pathway** = footpath (फुटपाथ); **kittens** = young ones of cats (बिल्ली के बच्चे); **shabby** = simple and cheap (सादा एवं सस्ता)।
- * **Make amends** = patch up (समझौता करना); **probably** = perhaps (शायद); **glowing** = beautiful (सुंदर); **conclusion** = result (परिणाम); **picking on someone** = teasing someone (किसी को तंग करना)