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THE PORTRAIT OF LADY

Questions

1. Mention the three phases of the author's relationship with his grandmother before he left the country to study abroad.



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2. Mention three reasons why the author's grandmother was disturbed when he started going to the city school.



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3. Mention three ways in which the author's grandmother spent her days after he grew up.



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4. Mention the odd way in which the author's grandmother behaved just before she died.



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5. The grandmother told the family that her end was near. She told everyone that as she had omitted to pray in the last phase of her life so she was not going to waste any more time talking to them. She lay peacefully in bed praying and telling her beads.



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Talking About The Text

1. The author's grandmother was a religious person. What are the different ways in which we come to know this?



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2. Describe the changing relationship between the author and his grandmother. Did their feelings for each other change?



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3. Would you agree that the author's grandmother was a person strong in character? If yes, give instances that show this.



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4. Have you known someone like the author's grandmother? Do you feel the same sense of loss with regard to someone whom you have loved and lost?



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Talking About The Language

1. Which language do you think the author and his grandmother used while talking to each other?



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2. Which language do you use to talk to elderly relatives in your family?



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3. How would you say 'a dilapidated drum' in your language?



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Working With Words

1. Notice the following uses of the word 'tell' in the text.



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2. Given below are four different senses of the word 'tell'. Match the meanings to the uses listed above.

(i). make something known to someone in spoken or written words

(ii). count while reciting

(iii). be sure

(iv). give information to somebody



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3. Notice the different senses of the word
'take'

(i). to take to something: to begin to do
something as a habit

(ii). to take ill: to suddenly become ill

Locate these phrases in the text and notice the way they are used.



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4. The word 'hobble' means to walk with difficulty because the legs and feet are in bad condition. Tick the words in the box below that also refer to a manner of walking.

haggle shuffle stride ride waddle
wriggle paddle swagger trudge slog



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