

The Canada Geese Quilt

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Characters:

Ariel-The girl who feels that she will be forgotten once the new baby comes, until she starts to sew a new quilt with Grandma. When Grandma has her stroke, she got her to start trying to live again. Given a special quilt by Grandma. A good artist who hates to sew.

Grandma- Helps Ariel feel wanted when the baby is expected. Sews Ariel a quilt and starts one for the new baby until she has a stroke and Ariel has to finish it for her.

Mama- Ariel's mother. Named Claire. Grandma's daughter. Is expecting a baby until she gives birth to a baby boy at the end of the story. Worries about Grandma when she has her stroke. Always wanted to be an artist until she got married.

Papa- Ariel's father. Named Austin. Made a butternut cradle for the new baby.

Garvin- Mama's cousin. Fighting in the Philippines.

Mrs. Perkins- Her daughter is getting married at the beginning of the story.

Grandma made her a double wedding ring quilt at the beginning of the story.

Questions:

1. Where did the geese in the beginning of the story come from? Over Miles Hill
2. What month is it in the beginning of the story? March
3. What are the names of Papa's work horses? Lady and Jack
4. What special talent did Ariel have? She was an artist
5. Whose daughter is getting married? Mrs. Perkins'
6. Why did Mama stop painting? She got so caught up in being a wife and then a mother
7. When was Mama going to tell Ariel some big news? After supper
8. Why did Ariel think her mother was sick at the beginning of the story? She looked pail
9. Was Ariel happy about the new baby when Mama first told her about it? Part of her was glad and part of her was sad
10. Where did Grandma used to go when she wanted to be alone? The hay loft
11. How many younger brothers and sisters did Grandma have? Seven
12. What was Papa going to make for the new baby? A butternut cradle
13. What did Grandma want to make for the new baby? A very special quilt
14. Is Grandma good at drawing? No
15. How many geese were on the quilt that Ariel designed? Three
16. What part of gardening did Ariel like? Planting
17. What month did school let out in? June
18. What was the weather like when Grandma had her stroke? Stormy
19. What is Ariel's Mama's name? Claire

20. What quilt did Ariel wrap herself in when Grandma went to the hospital? The Iris Quilt
21. When did Papa get home from the hospital when Grandma had her stroke? Dusk
22. How long did Mama stay at the hospital when Grandma had her stroke? Four days
23. What was it hard for Grandma to do after her stroke? Walk and pronounce words
24. What month did Grandma come home in? August
25. Why did Ariel tell herself that she wasn't visiting Grandma? Because Mama said not to tire her
26. What was the first thing that Ariel said to Grandma after her stroke? We had a test at school today
27. Why didn't Ariel like talking to Grandma after she had her stroke? She might as well be talking to an empty bed
28. What two things did Grandma and Ariel stop to pick on their first walk after Grandma's stroke? Chicory and Queen Anne's Lace
29. What was the color of the quilt border? Blue
30. How did Ariel get home from school? She walked
31. What horrible thing did Ariel say while sewing the quilt for the new baby? That she hated her Grandma
32. Where did Ariel and Grandma put the baby's quilt when it was finished? In Grandma's old trunk
33. What day of the week did Ariel and Grandma give Mama the quilt that they had made? Sunday
34. What month did Mama have the baby in? October
35. What did Grandma do to keep her busy as oppose to pacing? She baked
36. What did Ariel see flying in the sky in the end of the story? Geese
37. Did Mama give birth to a boy or a girl? A boy
38. What did Grandma surprise Ariel with at the end of the story? Her own quilt
39. Which quilt did Grandma make first? Ariel's or her brother's? Ariel's
40. What is Ariel afraid of at the end of the story? Grandma's Death

In What Book...

Did a girl make a quilt? (I know this is *REALLY* tough)

Did a woman have a stroke

Was a woman pregnant throughout the entire story?

Was a girl an amazing artist?

Did a girl hate to sew?

Did a girl fear that her grandma would die?

Was there a man named Austin?

Did a grandmother make a quilt for her granddaughter?