

Content Query - Ethan + home

1. - 25 years at "first" beginning; one year at "second" beginning

2. - ~~because~~ Ethan doesn't ask for a loan from Hale a second time because he feels, after speaking to kindly Mrs. Hale, that he cannot take advantage of the Hales' kindness and sympathy.

3. During the "previous summer" Ethan had showed up at a picnic at Shadow Pond after working up in the hills. Mattie ~~was~~ noticed him and talked to him, and it was he who found her lost locket. She seemed to have more interest in him than in the young men who had been flocking about her. *The sky is blue?*

4. The tragic sleigh ride begins, to be ^{what the sleigh ride, you} specific, the second time they go down the hill. To be more general and distinguish ^{Not the st} "sleigh" from a "sled" ^{the sleigh} it begins when they leave Ethan's home and pursue their circuitous route past Shadow Pond on the way to the train. *dictionary*

5. Mattie seems to be the instigator of the suicide plot, but there is so little questioning or talking on Ethan's part that I wondered whether or not it was likely they ~~was~~ both had the resolve somewhere in their minds. Mattie makes the first real mention of it, but it doesn't seem unlikely that it might have been within Ethan for quite some time.

6. The red pickle dish is broken by the cat while Zenobia is absent, having gone to a "new" doctor. In a sense, Mattie has violated a part of the Zenobia-Citaw union by using this wedding gift. Mattie and Citaw are eating happily when the cat jumps upon the dish and knocks it to the floor.

7. Obviously this question refers to the stranger's entrance into Citaw's house. Both women are in their later middle age, both gray-haired. Zenobia appears to be the stronger, more powerful, and, in the light of the story, is probably happy in a way to see Mattie and Citaw in such a condition. Zenobia is walking around, whereas Mattie is an invalid who appears older than she really is.

8. The action takes place in and around Starkfield, Massachusetts.

9. Mattie - young: full of life and movement; animated; likes dancing and being happy - optimistic

old: invalid, with ~~of~~ glaucoma eyes caused by spinal condition, inactive and morose; pessimistic

Zena - young: sits in rocking chair reading medical literature; inactive and morose; petty; - pessimistic

old: managing Mattie and being active; taking charge; - ~~perhaps~~ happy and optimistic

10. This quotation refers to the Effect of college upon Ciba. The significance is that he learned that there was something strange and different behind everyday life which guided it. Being of a technical turn, he probably learned of the wondrous laws of science which explained everyday phenomena and piqued his curiosity. He learned that the fullest meaning of life may be found in learning of the great, mystical laws which motivate it.

Pledge:

I have received assistance from no one.

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