

MRS FLOWERS

Theme:-

- *Mrs Flowers is an autobiography by Maya Angelou.
- * It is an excerpt from the poem ' I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings.'
- * Mrs Flowers embraces the theme of communication and importance of language.
- *The importance of expressing oneself.
- *Mrs Flowers is an important part of young Marguerite's life. She teaches Marguerite to love and respect books and secondly to understand the significance of well chosen and spoken words.
- * Marguerite did written work well but hardly communicated with others at school.
- *Mrs Flowers encourages Marguerite to read aloud and introduces her to the world of literature.
- * Marguerite or Maya Angelou is ever grateful to Mrs Flowers for being instrumental in her growth.

I.ERC:-

A. ' Come and walk along with me, Marguerite. I couldn't have refused even if I wanted to .She pronounced my name so nicely or more correctly, she spoke each word with such clarity that I was certain a foreigner who didn't understand English could have understood her.

1. Identify the speaker in the first sentence.

2. Where was Marguerite walking to?

- i. momma's Stores
- ii. school
- iii. Flowers's house
- iv. park

3. "I couldn't have refused even if I wanted to." - What does this indicate of the speaker?

- i. She liked the way Mrs Flowers spoke the language.
- ii. She felt that Mrs Flowers was very strict.
- iii. She was scared of Mrs Flowers.
- iv. She didn't want to interact with Mrs flowers.

B. They were flat round wafers, slightly browned on the edges and butter-yellow in the center. With the cold lemonade they were sufficient for childhood's lifelong diet.

a) What is being described in the 1st line?

- i. lemons
- ii. eggs
- iii. doughnut
- iv. cookies

b) How would you describe 'lemonade' in a similar manner

- i. Milkshake
- ii. Lime juice
- iii. cool drink
- c) sweetner

c) Why does the speaker say that they were sufficient for childhood's lifelong diet?

d) Use the word 'sufficient' in your own sentence.

II.Short Answers:-2 marks(20-30 words)

1. How does Marguerite describe Mrs. Flowers?

2. What does Mrs flowers ask Marguerite to do in their next visit?

Ans: Marguerite gave her a book and asked her to memorise a poem and to recite at their next visit.

III.Short Answers:- (30-40 words)

1.What lessons in living did Mrs. Flowers give Marguerite?

Ans: Mrs flowers did not stop with the study of literature .She makes Marguerite to learn that once education comes in different forms through school and education by life.

2.Why does Mrs flowers tell Marguerite to be understanding of illiteracy?

Ans:-Mrs flowers said that one must always be intolerant of ignorance but understanding of illiteracy .She says that some people who are unable to go to school were more educated and even more intelligent than college professors.

IV. What image does the name Mrs Flowers create in your mind ?What type of a person do you think she is?

V. Picturise Mrs Flowers house from Marguerite's perspective and draw the same.