

Graphic Organizer for Active Reading

A Wagner Matinée Willa Cather

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Lost Pleasures

Pleasures can be lost in different ways. Sometimes we may give up a pleasure deliberately to achieve some higher goal. In other instances, a pleasure may be taken away from us against our will. At times, we don't even realize how pleasurable something has been until it somehow disappears from our lives. Before you read "A Wagner Matinée," note in the following chart examples of these three kinds of lost pleasures.

A Pleasure Given Up Deliberately	A Pleasure Taken Away	A Pleasure Appreciated Too Late

1. After you read "A Wagner Matinée," decide in which column or columns of the chart Georgiana's lost pleasure should appear. Briefly explain your choice on the following lines.

2. Which of the lost pleasures that you noted in the chart do you consider to be the greatest loss? Briefly explain your answer.

Words to Own

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Synonyms and Context Clues

The following sentences contain italicized synonyms of the Words to Own in boldface type below. For each synonym, write the correct Word to Own in the blank. Then, circle any context clues that tip you off to the word's meaning.

EXAMPLE: _____ aloofness _____ Clark perceived a certain *detachment* in his aunt's **cool** demeanor.

deluge	eluding	grotesque	inert	legacy
myriad	obliquely	pious	reverential	trepidation

- _____ 1. Clark was worried, naturally feeling a certain *apprehension* about seeing Georgiana after all these years.
- _____ 2. Even indirectly, looking at her *sidelong* as she got off the train, Clark could see tremendous changes in his aunt.
- _____ 3. Clark experienced a *torrent* of memories, with childhood recollections rising like a flood within him.
- _____ 4. Though Georgiana was not exactly *bizarre*, some changes in her did strike Clark as strange and absurd.
- _____ 5. At first she seemed *listless*, moving slowly in a dull sort of way.
- _____ 6. Once she was in the concert hall, Georgiana became animated and lively, *infinite* expressions moving across her face.
- _____ 7. There is a *pietistic* sentiment that one takes on when undergoing a religious experience.
- _____ 8. Georgiana's expression was *worshipful* as she listened with deep respect to the music.
- _____ 9. Clark was grateful for the *gift* of music that Georgiana had given to him.
- _____ 10. Georgiana's actual thoughts kept *escaping* Clark's grasp, defying easy understanding.

Identify the type of error, if any, in each underlined passage, and circle the letter next to the correct answer.

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