

8th Grade Language

Arts

“The Moustache” by Robert Cormier

Before You Read

In the story you’re about to read, seventeen-year-old Mike visits his grandmother for the first time since she became ill and moved into the Lawnrest Nursing Home. Have you ever visited a nursing home? What ideas do you have about nursing homes? Fill in the cluster map with all the words and phrases that come to mind when you think about visiting someone in a nursing home.

Before You Read - Complete the following sentences:

- When I think of nursing homes, I think of...

- What types of things do people in a nursing home do?

- At what age is a person at his/her highest value to society? In other words, at what age is a person deemed to be in his/her prime?

Quickwrite (write in notebook)

When you were younger, did you ever “wish” you were older? Why/why not? What about right now? Do you wish you were older or younger? Explain...