

# **MCB**

## **STD-VIII**

**SUBJECT : ENGLISH**  
**CHAPTER NUMBER: 5**  
**PERIOD NUMBER : 1**  
**CHAPTER NAME : DESIREE'S BABY**  
**BY KATE CHOPIN**

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# EXPECTED LEARNING OUTCOMES

## GENERAL OBJECTIVES

- Understanding the concept
- Being acquainted with prose and author's biography
- Understanding the idea
- Appreciate the language of the prose
- Developing LSRW Skills

## SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES/ EXTENDED OBJECTIVES

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# INTRODUCTION TO THE STORY-TELLER

Kate Chopin (1850–1904) is an American writer best known for her stories about the inner lives of sensitive, daring women. Her novel *The Awakening* and her short stories are read today in countries around the world, and she is widely recognized as one of America’s essential authors. Her short stories were well received in the 1890s and were published by some of America’s most prestigious magazines—*Vogue*, the *Atlantic Monthly*, *Harper’s Young People*, the *Youth’s Companion*, and the *Century*.



# THEME OF THE STORY

- Désirée is left as a baby to Madame Valmonde who has no children.
- She takes her in and loves her dearly.
- Armand Aubigny falls in love with Désirée when she is 18, and they are married.
- They have a baby whom they both adore.
- When he is a few months old, Madame Valmonde notices that the baby's skin appears darker than when he was first born.
- Armand assumes that Désirée must be to blame, as her parentage is unknown.
- he believes they are not white.
- Désirée takes the baby and walks into the bayou, never to return.
- Armand finds a letter that says his mother, who died when he was 8 years old, was actually black, so it is Armand who is of black heritage





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- Madam Volmonde wanted to see Desiree and drove to L' Abri
- Desiree's origin
- Armand Aubigny saw Desiree and fell in love with her
- The passion in Armand
- Sad looking face of Desiree
- Old Monsieur Aubigny was very lenient and kind towards the black people

## VOCABULARY

- Strayed-moved off the correct track
- Of her own accord-voluntarily
- Obscure-unknown
- Corbeille—a graceful looking basket of fruits or flowers
  
- Shudder-tremble
- Stuccoed-plastered house
- Pall-cloth
  
- stocking - a women's garment, typically made of translucent nylon or silk, that fits closely over the foot

### Home Assignment:

1. Write the word meaning.
2. Write a note on 'Desiree's origin' in about 50 words.

# EVALUATION

Who was Madame Volmonde?

Who was Desiree?

How was Desiree an orphan?

Who fell in love with Desiree?

How did he arrange the wedding ceremony?

Was Desiree black?

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