

# **MCB**

## **STD-VIII**

**SUBJECT : ENGLISH**  
**CHAPTER NUMBER: 5**  
**PERIOD NUMBER : 2**  
**CHAPTER NAME : DESIREE'S BABY**  
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**CHANGING YOUR TOMORROW**

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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*. A few stories were syndicated by the American Press Association.



# 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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- Armand's Aubigny's rule was a strict one
- The young mother (Desiree) lying on her couch, the baby beside her
- Madam Volmonde appreciated the baby-called it a piglet, scanned it narrowly
- Change in his attitude after he was blessed with the baby—very lenient and kind towards the negros
- After the baby was three months old, a change in Armand Aubigny's attitude
- His indifferent behaviour at home



## VOCABULARY

- Portly-fat
- Mais si-but yes
- Cochon de lait-piglet
- Suffused-spread gradually
- Imperious-dominating and arrogant
- Exacting-demanding
- Disquieting-causing anxiety
- Averted-turned away
- Peignoir-woman's light dress
- Listless-without enthusiasm, inactive

### Home Assignment:

1. Write the word meaning.
2. Explain how and why Aubigny showed indifferent behaviour.

# EVALUATION

How was the old Aubigny?

How was Armand different from him?

Why did Desire feel better in the change of Aubigny's attitude?

How did Aubigny treat the negros?

Why were all surprised at the change that had come over Aubigny?



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