

# HUNDRED DRESSES I AND II

## STUDY-NOTE

### Part 1

- Wanda Petronski was a poor Polish girl. She lived on Boggins Heights. She joined an American school.
- She was different from other girls in many ways—her name was uncommon, she was a quiet girl and had no friends.
- She wore the same pale blue dress everyday. Wanda used to sit in the corner on last but one seat of the classroom where noisy and rough boys, who got low marks, sat. There was a lot of dirt, mud and scuffing of feet in that area.
- Time passed but neither Wanda nor her brother did show up. However, a mystery of their disappearance didn't remain unsolved.
- Wanda's father wrote a note to his daughter's teacher through which children learned that the family had left the town.
- The girls ran to Wanda's apologize & ask her to stay. Next day the class had assembled. Miss. Mason announced the winners. Jack Beggles had won for the boys. He had sketched an outboard motor. The drawing was displayed in room 12.
- As for the girls Wanda was the winner of the girls' medal. But Wanda was absent that day. Miss. Mason asked the children to look at Wanda's beautiful drawing. Seeing the drawing, the children clapped their hands in joy. The boys whistled with fingers in their mouths.
- They were not interested in dresses. Maddie whispered to Peggy to look at the blue dress. Wanda had told them about it earlier. Peggy referred to the green one also. She added that she had thought she could draw.

### Part – 2

- The lesson starts with a letter received from Wanda's father. This letter was informing the school about their decision of moving to a big city. Because there nobody would tease Wanda for her uncommon name as well her appearance.

- After knowing the content of the letter through the teacher the whole class was in a shock. And they realized their derogatory comments and attitude towards Wanda.
- Maddie felt so bad that she is a coward and never stopped Peggy from making the fun of Wanda. This is the reason that's why she couldn't focus on her studies after knowing the facts.
- She desired to meet Wanda to clarify her stand that she never meant to hurt her feelings. So, she made up her mind to go to her house and tell her also that she has won the prize.
- When the school was over Maddie and Peggy both visited the residence of Wanda at Boggins Height to meet her. But by the time they had left.
- Then they wrote a friendly letter to Wanda that was originally meant to be apologetic but they ended up writing a friendly note asking her how did she like the new place. Weeks passed by and there was no reply until one day near Christmas, Miss. Mason announces that she heard from Wanda.
- In that letter, Wanda wrote she misses everyone and conveyed her intention of gifting one dress each to Maddie and Peggy because she has a whole new lot of hundred dresses lined up in her new house.
- Both of them were happy to receive it and later realised that it was their faces she had drawn along with the dresses. Thus, they both concluded that Wanda did like them.

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