

# A HOUSE IS NOT A HOME

## VOCABULARY

- \* Freshman - a student in the first year of high school or college
- \* Nonetheless - in spite of what has just been said
- \* Tabby - a domestic cat with a striped and mottled ~~cat~~ coat.
- \* Swat - to hit someone or something with a quick motion
- \* Engulfed - to flow over and enclose
- \* Cazed - insane
- \* Grieve - feel intense sorrow

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## THINK ABOUT IT

1. What does the author notice one Sunday afternoon? What is his mother's reaction? What does she do?

Ans The author noticed smoke coming through the seams of the ceiling of his house on a Sunday afternoon. He and his mother came out of the

house. His mother ran back into the house to fetch the important documents and photographs of his father.

2. Why did ~~the~~ he break ~~is~~ down in tears after the fire?

Ans He broke down in tears after the fire as he was unable to find his pet cat.

3. Why is the author deeply embarrassed the next ~~day~~ day in school? Which words show his fear and insecurity?

Ans The author was deeply embarrassed the next day in school as his clothes looked weird, he had no books or homework and his backpack was destroyed in the fire. The words outcast, geek and zombie show his fear and insecurity.

4. The cat and the author are very fond of each other. How has this been shown in the story? Where was the cat after the fire? Who brings it back and how?

Ans The author missed the cat badly when she got lost. Many times he would go to his damaged house to search for it. He would also remember the time he

spent with the cat. The cat used to climb on him and crawl into his pocket to sleep when it was a kitten. She would also follow him. All this shows that the author and the cat were very fond of each other. The cat was terrified when the author's house caught fire. She ran over a mile away. A lady brought the cat back by holding it in her arms.

5. What actions of the schoolmates change the author's understanding of life and people, and comfort him emotionally? How does his loneliness vanish and how does he start participating in life?

Ans The author's schoolmates gave him school supplies, notebooks and clothes as his house has been completely destroyed by the fire. They also introduced themselves to him and invited him to their house. All these things comforted the author emotionally.

This incident made his loneliness vanish and led him to make new friends.

6. What is the meaning of "My cat was back and so was I"? Had the author gone anywhere? Why does he say that he is also back?

Ans "My cat was back and so was I" means that the author is back to normal after finding his cat.

No, the author had not gone anywhere.