

Catherine, Called Birdy – Novel Assessment

Test Preparation Study Guide

1. Major Characters
2. Relationships between characters
3. Major Events
4. Important Quotes
5. Vocabulary
6. Name and descriptions of Catherine's 6 suitors
 - a. What happened between Catherine and each suitor?
 - b. Did the suitor leave with a betrothal?

🌸 Questions you should be able to answer!

1. "You are so much already, little bird. Why not cease your fearful pounding against the bars of your cage and be content?" Who says the above quote to Catherine? What is her "cage"? How is she pounding against it?
2. What did Edward hope to accomplish by making Catherine keep the diary? How does he succeed and fail? EXAMPLES
3. What does Catherine learn about Jews? What advice does the old woman give to the children?
4. What is the moral of the "Stupid Man" story? How does the moral reflect what is happening to the Jewish people during the Middle Ages?
5. After being denied a marriage to Uncle George, to who is Aelis finally married? Why was she not permitted to marry Uncle George? Why is her new husband a better choice than Uncle George and a smart choice financially, but unwise in reality?
6. After being denied a marriage to Uncle George and living through the death of her first husband, who does she "choose" to marry at the end of the book? What are her reasons for picking him?
7. Catherine has an amazing self-discovery in the last pages of the book. What does she realize? How does she decide to approach the future?

🌸 Extended Response Question – No surprises, here is the actual question:

1. Theme: An idea about life revealed in a work of literature

Choose one of the following themes: **independence**, **obedience**, **curiosity**, **mischief**, and **boredom**.

Write an explanation of how the theme is revealed throughout the novel *Catherine, called Birdy*. Use five (5) examples from the text to support your answer. Additionally, discuss why the theme is important to the novel.