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Virtue ethics

1. How does Alia use her experience of Melody's life as a moral exemplar to help guide her own choices and form her own character?

Alia draws profound inspiration from the tapestry of Melody's life, considering it a moral guide that illuminates her journey. Alia learns important lessons from Melody's life. First, she understands the importance of being true to herself, which is called authenticity. Second, Melody's experiences show Alia that it's worthwhile to chase after dreams that may seem difficult to achieve. Melody's story also teaches Alia that even when things are tough, there is a chance to find happiness and meaning in those situations.

Essentially, Melody's life becomes a source of inspiration for Alia to be genuine, pursue big dreams, and find joy even in challenging times. Moreover, Alia takes to heart the teaching of being kind and understanding, especially towards people who might seem different or not typical. She adopts the lesson of showing compassion to those who may appear unique or unusual in their own ways. This means that Alia actively chooses to treat others with warmth and empathy, especially when they stand out or deviate from what is considered normal. In essence, Melody's life serves as a rich source of wisdom for Alia, guiding her in making choices that align with her values and contribute to the development of her character.

2. What virtuous habits does she develop through the story's progress, and how does she use Melody's story to develop those habits?

As the story progresses, Alia learns some really good habits that make her a better person. First, she realizes that it's important to be honest with herself and to go after her dreams, even if they seem hard. This helps her stay true to what she wants in life. Next, Alia learns to be kind and understanding to others, even if they seem different or strange. This makes her a nicer person and helps her get along better with everyone.

Lastly, when faced with tough situations, Alia learns to focus on the good things in her life and be thankful for them. This positive way of thinking helps her stay strong and happy even when things are not going well. So, in simple terms, Alia becomes a better person by being honest with herself, being kind to others, and being grateful for the good things in her life.

3. How could you use your experiences with these characters, in having read this story, to develop and/or reinforce virtuous habits of your own?

I Could develop and/or reinforce my virtuous habits using my experience with these characters the following way:

I am committed to integrating positive habits into my life. Honesty is, and will continue to be, my guiding principle as I navigate the path toward my dreams and objectives. In essence, I see honesty as the compass that directs me on this journey, helping me stay true to myself and my goals. I want to be more truthful with myself and work hard towards my dreams, even if they seem tough. Kindness and compassion emerge as guiding principles, allowing me to embrace the diversity of others, and fostering understanding in the face of differences. Lastly, no matter what difficulties come my way, I want to remember the good things in my life and be thankful for them.

4. In both of these discussions, identify specific virtues, like courage, kindness, temperance, graciousness, generosity, commitment, and wisdom.

- **Courage:** Involves having the mental and spiritual strength to confront difficulties, dangers, or pain without being afraid—a demonstration of bravery.
- **Kindness:** This is characterized by being friendly, generous, and considerate towards others.
- **Temperance:** Refers to the moderation in the use of alcohol or drugs (In the text) but also means self-restraint.
- **Graciousness:** Encompasses qualities such as kindness, courtesy, and generosity in one's actions.
- **Generosity:** This is the willingness to offer money, assistance, or time to people or causes.
- **Commitment:** This is the dedication to a particular cause or ideal.
- **Wisdom:** Involves possessing knowledge and experience and using them effectively to make sound decisions.