

TASK: 2

An Examination of Theme in "Sweet Potato Pie" Eugenia Collier

What the narrator says (quotes and examples)	What it means (interpretation)	Why it's important (analysis)
The cheerful, impersonal tidiness of this room is ...a hundred worlds from the bare, noisy, shanty where he and the rest spent what there was of our childhood. (par. 2)		
Pa would place the money on the table-gently, for it was made from the sweat of their bodies and from their children's tears. (par. 4)		
[My parents] sat huge and eternal like twin mountains at my side. (par. 7)		
...the Tabernacle Baptist Church, the frail edifice of bare boards held together by God knows what, which was all my parents ever knew of security and future promise. (par. 7)		
Charley was taller than anybody in the world, including, I was certain, God. From his shoulders, where I spent considerable time in the earliest years, the world had a different perspective. (par. 10)		
Years later when [my mother's] shriveled hands were finally still, my mind kept coming back to her as she is now. I believe this moment was the apex of her entire life. (par. 23)		
As I made my way through the carefully rehearsed speech...wearing the suit that was their combined strength and love and hope. (par. 24)		

Write a Paragraph

Use your interpretations and analyses from the chart above to explain how the theme in "Sweet Potato Pie" emerges and develops over the course of the text.