

Appendix 41**STUDENTS WORKSHEET 3****The tree and the silent friend**

I sat up on my hill and leaned against my tree. That tree was everything to me. I was an orphan, trying to live and take care of my other siblings. I didn't want a new family, I wanted my old one back. I was born into a family of six. Three boys, three girls.

We were very happy. there was Chasity, Anna, Bella (me), Micheal, Gavin, and little Tommy. There was our parents, who were very happy. They feel in love on my hill even in my tree.

When they were young, they carved their names into it. There were so young and alive. Who would have thought how terrible their fate would be. My toughest went back to that fatal night. The night, my world ended. The night two cars happened to collide.

My momma and daddy were coming home one day with Anna and Chasity. They went to a fair. I was sixteen and babysitting. Anna and Chasity had grown up they had to work too.

So that night I watched the kids. My parents said that be home by nine but they never got back. I laid awake that night. Hoping for my door get a knock. The next day it did by police officer.

They shipped us off to my great aunts, who could hardly take care of herself. She was nice but she smoked and brought home alcohol. She showed me the tree and I was attached to it. But my brothers were so heart broken. As the only sister left, and the oldest boy, Micheal and I took charge.

We cleaned them, we fed them, and we had to help them understand that this was our home, our new forever after. School was only a dream, we had notice for it, we were adults, to kids who never supervision.

Tommy and Gav were old enough to go. So we all were enrolled with Aunt Sally's money. School doesn't start until later, a week, or two. So today, I sat at my tree and wished to change that terrible day.

I fidgeted with an old wrapper when he came. A very attractive boy came up the hill. Making me blush. He sat down by me and I stated. "Who are you?" I asked not very nicely.

The boy ignored me and looked out to the city. I felt angry and walked away. Stupid boy, get away from my tree. I thought to myself. That's what happened every day.

I'd go out to my tree and he'd sit there with that sneaky grin stoned on his face. Being angry, I'd stomp away. I felt depressed, why was he taking my tree? Then school came along and was shy.

Behind in my classes and weird to everyone, I became alone. The first day at lunch, I sat at a table. He came along and sat by me. We sat there and ate our lunch. That's how it was every day.

We were quiet at the tree, at lunch, but somehow I felt a friendship forming. I had made a silent friend. One day I had it. I was tired of quiet. He sat at my tree which was my property.

"Talk". I sneered wanting a reply. He looked at me with a sparkle in his eyes. A smirk painted in his face and I felt a silent message by received. I was being mean, "Talk please!" I begged.

He was silent for a moment. Feeling defeated, I started to leave but a small voice with a thick British accent stopped me. "I am Jordan and you Bella. A pretty name for a pretty girl".

I felt adrenaline rush through me and I ran back to him. He looked confused but, I didn't care I pressed my lips on him. For a second he stayed still kiss sank into him and finally he joined in.

We kissed far too long and when I had to go, I knew one thing for certain. I had a silent crush. My silent friend. All thanks to the tree.

Answer the following question based on the text above!

1. What is the story about?
2. What is the main idea of paragraph 1?
3. What is the main idea of paragraph 2?
4. What is the main idea of paragraph 6?
5. What is the main idea of the last paragraph?
6. How many main characters in the story?
7. Why did she take a charge?
8. What is the habit of Aunt Sally?
9. What is the theme of the story?
10. What's the ending of the story?

Key answers

1. The story tells about the girl who broken home
2. The main idea of paragraph 1 is the girl who loss of her happy family.
3. The main idea of paragraph 2 is the happy family.
4. The main idea of paragraph 6 is the girl and her brother, Micheal took charge to finance their live.
5. The main idea of the last paragraph is the girl was happy with that boy.

6. The main characters are the girl (Bella) and the boy.
7. Because to finance their live in Aunt Sally's house.
8. The habits of Aunt Sally are smoke and bring home alcohol.
9. The themes are love, hate.
10. The ending of the story is happy ending.