

How the Peacock Got Its Feathers

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Dialogue Development



The following are various forms of bullying. Which ones occurred in the story? Write down the specific instances then discuss how you would change the events.

Physical: unwelcomed and unwanted contact toward another person/person's body. This also includes destruction of or damaging another person's property or possessions.

Verbal: bullying is teasing, name-calling, insulting, intimidating and using other verbally abusive words, including racist or homophobic language.

Social or emotional: bullying is behavior that intentionally causes humiliation, such as spreading lies or rumors designed to ruin a person's reputation. Playing mean jokes, making fun of or mimicking another person to cause embarrassment or exclusion.

Cyber bullying: the same as verbal or social and emotional bullying but using social media or other internet sites including blogs and chat rooms. Posting negative or humiliating photos and videos, sending instant or text messages with the intent to embarrass.

Describe instances of the following situations in “How the Peacock Got Its Feathers”.

- ▶ Unwanted behavior

 - ▶ Aggressive behavior

 - ▶ Repetitive behavior by a person intended to control, harm, embarrass or otherwise negatively affect another person
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- 1) What is the significance of the title?

- 2) What were the themes of the book? Do you feel they were effectively explored?

- 3) Did any of the characters remind you of yourself or someone you know? How?

- 4) What were the power dynamics between the characters? How did those dynamics play a factor in their interactions?

- 5) How do you view the characters?

- 6) What event was the most pivotal or turning point in the story?

- 7) Which event(s) resonated most with you personally in either a positive or negative way? Why?

- 8) Has anything ever happened to you like what happened in the story? How did you react?

- 9) Were there any moments where you disagreed with the decisions/actions of any of the characters? If so, what would you have done differently?

- 10) What surprised you most about the story?

- 11) What did you learn/take away from or get out of the story?

- 12) If you had the opportunity to ask the authors of the story one question about the story, what would it be?