

**Mt.U.1.L4**  
 • Standards: RL.9-10.1, RL.9-10.4, SL.9-10.1.c  
 • Text: "St. Lucy's Home for Girls Raised by Wolves" (p. 237-238)

**Guiding Question:**  
 Explain why the girls' parents accepted the nuns' offer. Use the words "ostracized" and "purgatory" in your response to show specifically how these words reflect essential ideas of the text.

Analyze Diction ✎  
 word choice

civilized  
 ↓  
 courtly  
 kempt  
 genteel  
 polite  
 well-mannered  
 part of civilization  
 law, order, rules

bilingual  
 ↓  
 two languages

How will being bilingual make the girls civilized?  
 Use the text to support your response.

Guiding Question L4

**Lesson Agenda**

- Introduction of Lesson Agenda
- Homework Accountability
- Close Reading
- Reading Reflection
- Quick Write
- Closing

Lesson Four Agenda

**Close Reading**

Reread the section, "Ay caramba,' Sister Maria de la Guardia sighed." and end before "Our mothers and fathers were werewolves" (pp. 237-238). Identify words, phrases, and sentences in the text that **support the description of Stage 1 in the epigraph**. Mark these pieces of text with a small star. ★

new  
exciting  
interesting

fun  
explore  
new environment

Close Reading

**Turn and Talk**

Share your findings with the group.

**SL.9-10.1.C**  
 Propel conversations by **posing and responding to questions** that relate the current discussion to broader themes or larger ideas; **actively incorporate others** into the discussion; and **clarify, verify, or challenge** ideas and conclusions.

Turn and Talk

**Words, phrases, and sentences in the text that support the description of Stage 1 in the epigraph.**

Evidence Share

**Text-Dependent Questions:  
 Analyzing Evidence and Making Connections**

*Reading Section*

6. Why does Sister Josephine use the word "backwoods"?
7. What does the phrase, "we went knuckling along" reveal about the girls?
8. From the narrator's point of view, what is Stage 1 really like?

TDQ

**Turn and Talk**

**Close Reading**

Read from "Our mothers and fathers were werewolves," again boxing any words they find new or unfamiliar (p. 238). **Put any words unfamiliar words in boxes.**

After discussion with your partner, **write your understanding of this paragraph in the margin of the text.**

- ostracized -  
- purgatory -

Close Reading Partners

**Unfamiliar Words**

Unfamiliar Word List

**Text-Dependent Questions:**

**Working with Unfamiliar Vocabulary**



9. Who is ostracized in the text and how do you know?
10. Why do the farmers ostracize the parents?
11. Why do the parents ostracize the local wolves?
12. From these clues, what does ostracized mean?
13. Where is the werewolves' purgatory?
14. What are the qualities of this place?
15. What is the word meaning of purgatory in this context?
16. Why does Russell say that the pack grew up in a "purgatory"?

TDQ -Whole Class