

Read. Think. Explain.

An active reader is always looking for deeper meaning in a story.

In this activity, you'll answer questions about Zaritza, the main character in Patrick Jennings's funny and touching story "My Homework Ate My Homework." You'll also write about how she evolves during the story, and what might have prompted these changes in her character.

Directions: Answer the questions below, using information and details from the story to back up your ideas. Use a separate piece of paper if you need more room.

1. What do you learn about Zaritza from the opening of the story, when she is talking in the mirror?

2. What lesson does Zaritza's mom want her to learn?

3. What details show that Zaritza needs to become more responsible?

4. What happens to Zaritza when Abalina looks at her in the mirror and says, "Homework"?

5. Near the end of the story, Zaritza says to Bandito, "I know you didn't eat my cookies." What does this show about how she has changed?
