

“These Shuffling Steps”

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1. Who are Beth and Frank grieving? Provide evidence.
2. Use three words to explain the tone of Frank’s dialogue to Beth then explain why he speaks to her this way.
3. What is motivating Beth to persist with her father despite his attitude? (Use a quote to back up your answer.)
4. Draw a character arc line for Frank, showing his emotions at the beginning and the end of the story. (Draw it as a straight line, put quotes for different parts of the story along the line and then write your own synonyms for his emotional state at that point.)



5. Research Checkpoint Charlie. Why is this an appropriate metaphor?
6. There are several examples of personification in this. Find one example and explain its effect.
7. The title of this story is “These Shuffling Steps.” Make a list of all the steps that this could refer to. For example, Beth stepping onto the lawn with her chair, the turkey in the rose beds. (Make sure to include both literal and metaphorical steps.) Once you have the list, decide which steps you believe the title refers to.
8. Write the next 100 words that reveals what happens in this story. (Use exactly 100 words. Include some dialogue, imagery and a twist in the story.)

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