

SUPERSTITIONS

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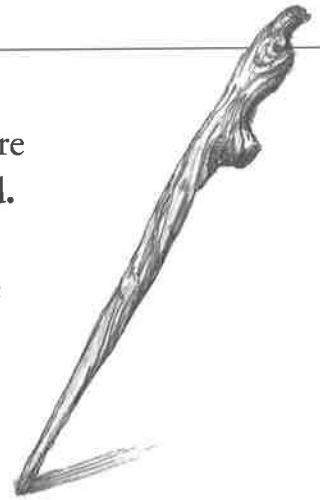
Directed Notes

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Name: _____

During your second reading of the story, you marked places where Frances feels **strong**, and places where she feels **helpless or scared**.

Now look over your notes and write down your own interpretive question and an answer. If you can think of a second answer to your question, write that down, too.



Interpretive question: _____

Answer: _____

Name: _____

Frances' mother tells her that the rules she makes up are "just **superstitions.**"

superstitions

- ✍ irrational or excessive fears
- ✍ illogical things people do to deal with their fears

What are some **irrational or excessive fears** that Frances has?

1. _____

2. _____

What are some **reasonable fears** that Frances has?

1. _____

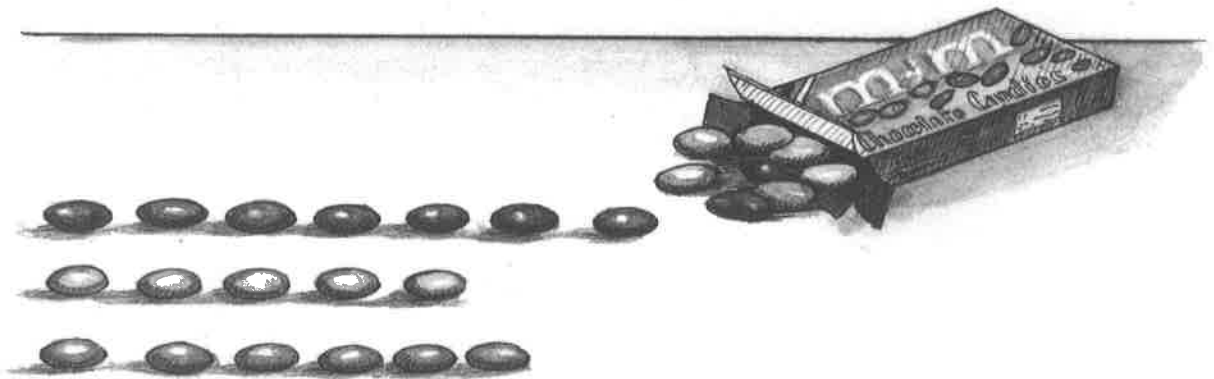
2. _____

Even though it is illogical, why might Frances feel that her blind walk past the attic door helps her to **deal with her fears**?

Now answer this question:

Do you agree with Frances' mother that we all make up our own superstitions at one time or other?

Be sure to give reasons for your answer.



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Include the answers to these questions when you write "The Sibling Pledge."



What do you want or expect from your sibling?

What don't you want your sibling to do?

How much responsibility do you accept for your sibling?

What possessions should siblings share with each other?

What experiences should siblings share with each other?

Who is the leader, or are you equals? Will this ever change?

How do you want to help or support each other?

What do you want your relationship to be like in the future?



• ~ The Sibling Pledge ~ •

I promise _____

I expect _____

I hope _____

I _____

Name: _____

Make notes for an essay that describes a time when you, like Frances, listened to your innermost feeling, and it turned out to be a good thing that you did.

When did you have this feeling?

What made you trust this feeling?

My Innermost Feeling

What did you do as a result of your feeling?

Why did it turn out to be a good thing that you listened to your feeling?
