

## Text-Dependent Questions: *Summer of the Mariposas*, Chapter 3

### (Answers for Teacher Reference)

Read chapter 3 of *Summer of the Mariposas*, then answer these questions.

1. Read this sentence from page 45: “Their faces were indistinguishable in the dark.”

What does **indistinguishable** most likely mean in this sentence?

- a. upset
- b. lit up
- c. hard to see
- d. disturbed

2. “The loose silvery strands writhed around her head like serpentine ghosts, **more fearsome than Medusa’s**.” (52)

Medusa is a frightening figure from Greek mythology who has snakes for hair. What additional meaning does the phrase in bold add to the first part of the sentence?

- a. that the loose silvery strands looked like ghostly, writhing snakes
- b. that the loose silvery strands were snakes like those on Medusa’s head
- c. that there were snake ghosts on her head that were scarier than the snakes on Medusa’s head
- d. that the loose silvery strands looked like ghostly snakes scarier than the snakes on Medusa’s head

3. On page 58, it says, “‘Fine. Don’t tell me, I don’t care! I don’t have to know!’ Juanita clamped her mouth shut and stalked off. If I’d known the truth was the one thing that could shut Juanita up for good, I would have stopped lying to her years ago.”

**Part A**

What does the reader know that Juanita doesn’t know?

- a. that Odilia was really telling lies
- b. that Odilia was really telling the truth
- c. that Odilia was talking to their mother
- d. that Odilia was talking to their father

**Part B**

What effect does this create?

- a. excitement
- b. frustration
- c. humor
- d. relief

**Part C**

Which line from the text best supports your response? Underline the sentence in the following text.

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