

Summarizing *The Hope Chest*, Chapter 13

(Example, for Teacher Reference)

Which theme can you see in Chapter 13? *This is an example, and student responses may vary.*

Theme: <i>Inequality is injustice</i>		
Supporting details (including pages):	Elaboration: How is this detail evidence of the theme?	What is happening at this point in the chapter? (be brief)
1. <i>Page 154: When Mr. Martin and Myrtle go and sit at the counter, the boy working there goes to call the police. At another place, Mr. Martin is told Myrtle can only be served in the alley, and after trying multiple places, they end up eating in an alley because Myrtle isn't allowed to eat anywhere else.</i>	<i>They can't eat anywhere else because Myrtle is African American, and segregation laws and opinions at that time prevented her from eating in places where white people ate. These laws were unequal and unfair, as were many white people's opinions of African Americans and segregation.</i>	<i>Mr. Martin and Myrtle are trying to buy food.</i>
2. <i>Pages 155–157: Myrtle is also not allowed to stay in any of the hotels they try.</i>	<i>As above.</i>	<i>Mr. Martin and Myrtle are trying to find somewhere to stay.</i>

Summary

In Chapter 13 of The Hope Chest by Karen Schwabach, we see the theme “inequality is injustice.” We see it first on page 154 when Mr. Martin and Myrtle are trying to find food, and they go sit at a counter. Instead of serving them, the boy working there goes to call the police because Myrtle is African American and segregation laws and opinions at that time prevented her from eating in places where white people ate. At another place, Mr. Martin is told Myrtle can only be served in the alley, and after trying multiple places, they end up eating in an alley because Myrtle isn’t allowed to eat anywhere else. We also see this theme on pages 155–157 when Myrtle isn’t allowed to stay at any of the hotels they try for the same reasons she is not allowed to eat at restaurants.