

## Summarizing *The Hope Chest*, Chapter 9

*(Example, for Teacher Reference)*

Which theme can you see in Chapter 9? *Note: This is an example, and student responses may vary.*

<b>Theme:</b> <i>Inequality is injustice</i>		
<b>Supporting details</b> (including pages):  1. <i>Page 108: One of the men says to Miss Dexter, “Try to get this through that female wool you call a brain.”</i>	<b>Elaboration: How is this detail evidence of the theme?</b>  <i>The man says this because he thinks women are not equally as intelligent as men. This is inequality, and it is unfair.</i>	<b>What is happening at this point in the chapter?</b> (be brief)  After Mr. Martin escapes, the police ask the suffragists questions about Mr. Martin, and when they don’t give them the answers they are looking for, the police are rude to the women.
2. <i>Page 109: The men also say that women shouldn’t be given the right to vote because “the female mind isn’t capable of making fine distinctions of logic.”</i>	<i>As above.</i>	<i>As above.</i>

**Summary**

*In Chapter 9 of The Hope Chest by Karen Schwabach, we see the theme “inequality is injustice” when the men who tried to find Mr. Martin question the suffragists about him and accuse the women of not being very intelligent because they are female. On page 108, one of the men says to Miss Dexter, “Try to get this through that female wool you call a brain,” suggesting that because she is a woman, she isn’t very intelligent. On page 109, the men also say that women shouldn’t be given the right to vote because “the female mind isn’t capable of making fine distinctions of logic.” The men treating the women this way is an example of how things were not equal between men and women, which was very unfair.*