

Summarizing *The Hope Chest*, Chapter 11

(Example, for Teacher Reference)

Which theme can you see in Chapter 11? *Note: 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 131: When Violet is hungry, she is told she can't eat in The Grill Room because it is for men only.</i>	<i>Women unable to eat in the same place as men is unequal and unfair, especially given that there isn't a restaurant just for women.</i>	<i>Violet is hungry and wants to find somewhere to eat in the hotel she is staying in.</i>
2. <i>Page 144: Chloe explains that if she contacted the police, they might not even bother to look for Myrtle, and she wasn't sure what they would do with her if they found her.</i>	<i>Even though Myrtle is a missing child, the police might not bother to look for her because she is African American.</i>	<i>Violet is concerned about Myrtle and Mr. Martin and wants Chloe to do something to find them.</i>

Summary

In Chapter 11 of The Hope Chest by Karen Schwabach, we see the theme “inequality is injustice.” We see it first on page 131 when Violet is hungry and wants to find somewhere to eat, but is told she can’t eat in one of the hotel restaurants because it is for men only. It is unequal and unfair that men and women cannot eat in the same restaurant, especially given that there isn’t a restaurant just for women. We also see this theme on page 144 when Violet wants Chloe to help her find Myrtle and Mr. Martin, and Chloe explains that if she contacted the police about Myrtle, they might not even bother to look for her. Even though Myrtle is a missing child, the police might not bother to look for her because she is African American, which is unequal and unfair.