

*As you answer this week's questions, highlight your evidence in the text.*

## A Closer Look

"Grandma, why do you always want a big copy of my school picture?" complained Caleb. When he went to visit at her house, he saw large framed **portraits** of himself at various ages on her hallway wall. His sister Celeste and their cousin Ronnie had pictures, too. Every funny smile and terrible haircut was there for everyone to see.

"I hate my old pictures, too," said Celeste. "See how silly I look with my front teeth missing!"

"I look so stupid with that haircut," said Caleb, pointing to a toddler picture where his hair stood up in spikes.

"I believe you gave yourself that haircut with a pair of safety scissors," said Grandma.

"Ugh, what am I wearing in that one!" said Celeste. "A polka dot shirt with a striped skirt!"

"I think it shows your creativity," said Grandma.

"It shows that my photos are awful!" whined Celeste.

"Mine, too! I don't want anyone to see them, ever!" grumbled Caleb.

"Okay, you two. Let me show you something." Grandma pulled an old album out of the bookcase. "If you can guess who this picture is of, I'll take you both out for ice cream."

"Deal!" shouted Caleb.

Grandma opened the album to a black and white photo that took up the whole page. A toddler with blond hair sat on a wicker chair, wearing a white dress. The picture looked very **shabby**.

"Hey, the photo's in black and white, but the baby's cheeks are rosy. How did they do that?" asked Caleb.

"Before color photography, sometimes accent colors were added by hand," said Grandma.

"She's pretty," said Celeste. "I like her dress and long hair."

"Is it you, Grandma?" guessed Caleb.

"Not me," said Grandma. "This picture is older than I am."

"Then it must be your mom. Or your mom's mom? How many greats would go in front of grandma for that? Great-Great-Grandma?" guessed Celeste.

Grandma laughed. "Yes, but it's neither of them."

"So it's my Great-Great-Great Grandma?" Caleb counted out the "greats" on his fingers.

Grandma shook her head. "Would you like a hint?"

Celeste and Caleb nodded.

"Up until the 1950s, it was common for both baby girls and baby boys to wear dresses," explained Grandma. "And people didn't cut their baby's hair back then, either. Boys, too."

"So, it's a boy..." reasoned Caleb.

"Who's older than Grandma..." continued Celeste. "And he has blond hair, like you, Caleb."

"That's not all they have in common," said Grandma with a smile.

Caleb snapped fingers. "It's your dad, isn't it Grandma? That last clue gave it away. I was named after him, right? Great-Grandpa and I have the same name."

"You kids are really clever. You must have gotten that from your Great-Grandpa Caleb, too. He became the president of a college when he grew up, that little boy in the funny white dress."

"Really? I didn't know that," said Celeste. "Maybe I'll be a president, too, someday."

"Thanks for showing us this album, Grandma. It's really cool!" said Caleb.

"Don't you think your grandchildren and great-grandchildren will want to see your pictures?" asked Grandma.

Caleb and Celeste looked at each other, then at their school portraits hanging on the wall.

"You're pretty clever, too," said Celeste.

"Who me?" Grandma winked. "Who's ready for ice cream?"

"Maybe later." Caleb smiled at Grandma. "I'd rather look at more old photos. Can you show us some of you?"

**Monday**

When and where does this story take place?

Who are the main characters in this story?

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**Tuesday**

How do Caleb and Celeste feel about their portraits? Support your answer.

Why would showing Caleb and Celeste the old photo make them feel better?

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**Wednesday**

According to the story, why might Caleb have thought the baby in the old picture was a girl?

What lesson was Grandma trying to teach Caleb and Celeste?

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**Thursday**

Write a short summary about this story?

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Monday	Tuesday
<p>Where does this story take place?</p> <p>At Grandma's house</p>	<p>When Caleb complains about his pictures, what does his Grandma do?</p> <p>She shows him an old picture.</p>
<p>Who are the characters in the story?</p> <p>Caleb, Celeste, Grandma</p>	<p>How do Caleb and Celeste feel about their portraits? Support your answer.</p> <p>They don't like them; they say they dislike their hair, teeth, smile, etc.</p>
<p>What might be another good title for this story?</p> <p>Accept all reasonable answers.</p>	<p>Why would showing Caleb and Celeste the old photo make them feel better?</p> <p>They can see that everyone has pictures they don't like.</p>
<p>Determine the meaning of the word <b>portraits</b> in the story.</p> <p>a picture of someone</p>	<p>Who was the baby in the picture?</p> <p>Caleb's Great-Grandpa</p>
Wednesday	Thursday
<p>According to the story, why might Caleb have thought the baby in the old picture was a girl?</p> <p>Back then, it was common for baby boys to wear dresses and have longer hair.</p>	<p>Write a short summary about this story.</p> <p>Accept all reasonable answers.</p>
<p>What lesson was Grandma trying to teach Caleb and Celeste?</p> <p>Pictures are important for future generations. Everyone has pictures they don't like.</p>	
<p>Determine the meaning of the word <b>shabby</b> in the story.</p> <p>old; worn</p>	
<p>How did Caleb feel when he found out his Great-Grandpa was president of a college?</p> <p>He felt he could be president too.</p>	