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## Hattie's Birthday Box Story Guide



What is the genre of this story? \_\_\_\_\_

Who is the narrator of the story? \_\_\_\_\_

What is the setting of this story? \_\_\_\_\_

Why is the whole family gathering together? \_\_\_\_\_

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What are the three reasons Mama said that they were going to *really* celebrate?

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

What are three ways you can tell Granddaddy is nervous?

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

How old was Hattie when she left for Nebraska? \_\_\_\_\_

Why did Granddaddy “stew and brood” the night before Hattie left for Nebraska?

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What does “stew and brood” mean? \_\_\_\_\_

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What tale did Granddaddy tell Hattie about the box? \_\_\_\_\_

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Why did Granddaddy lie to Hattie about the box? \_\_\_\_\_

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Why is Granddaddy nervous about Hattie's visit? \_\_\_\_\_

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Why doesn't Granddaddy ever buy anything for Hattie's birthday box? \_\_\_\_\_

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What does Hattie mean when she says, “Oh, Spencer, there’s been too much time and space.”? By “time”, she means \_\_\_\_\_

And by “space”, she means \_\_\_\_\_

Name three occasions that Hattie says she almost opened the box.

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

What lesson did Hattie learn the first winter when she and Spencer ran out of food?

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Why does Hattie finally open the box? \_\_\_\_\_

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How would you describe Hattie? hopeful proud angry helpful

Why? \_\_\_\_\_

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Why was the box so comforting to Hattie? \_\_\_\_\_

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Did you enjoy this story? \_\_\_\_\_ Why or why not? \_\_\_\_\_

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Write a paragraph about what you think may have happened next in this story. Be sure to include a main idea and supporting details. Try to use at least two of your vocabulary words in your paragraph.

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