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## Hattie's Birthday Box Story Guide

What is the genre of this story?

Who is the narrator of the story?

Why is the whole family gathering together?

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?

What does “stew and brood” mean?

What tale did Granddaddy tell Hattie about the box?

Why did Granddaddy lie to Hattie about the box?

Why is Granddaddy nervous about Hattie's visit?

Why doesn't Granddaddy ever buy something 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.”?

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?

Why does Hattie finally open the box?

How would you describe Hattie? hopeful proud angry helpful  
Why?

Why was the box so comforting to Hattie?

Write a short story using all of your vocabulary words correctly.