

The Secret Garden

What Changed?

A lot changes in this story. The garden changes, but so do the people who spend time in it.

Let's talk about the story

1. Who changes the most in the story? What are they like at the beginning, and what are they like later?

2. What makes the secret garden feel special to Mary?

3. How does spending time outside affect Mary or Colin?

4. What is one small moment that shows things are getting better?

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Keep it simple. Answer in your own words, and have fun with the story.

Before and after

Choose Mary, Colin, or the garden. Write three words that fit the beginning of the story and three words that fit later. Then write one sentence about the biggest change.

Quick story check

1. Who would you want to explore the garden with?

2. What would you plant there if it were yours?

3. What is one secret from the story that changes what happens next?

For the grown-up: Let the child answer from memory first. If they want to check the book afterward, that is part of the learning too. Conversation matters more than perfect wording.