

DIRECTIONS: Complete the following activity after reading the third chapter of *Aura*.

Chapter Three is filled with odd moments, things that could be taking place in either reality or the imagination. Choose TWO of them and explain how they help to reveal critical information about either Felipe Montero, Consuelo Llorente, or Aura.

You can write about how these moments help to develop what we know about each character's personality or motivation (what makes them act in the manner that they do). These must take the form of paragraphs, and you must incorporate quotation into your answer.

Thus, when finished, you should have written TWO paragraphs total.

Translations from French to English

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Elle avait quinze ans lorsque je l'ai connue et, si j'ose le dire, ce sont ses yeux verts qui on fait ma perdition.

She was fifteen years old when I first met her, and dare I say it, it was her green eyes that are the cause of my damnation. [The General would have been about 48 at the time-- over thirty years older than her.]

Ma jeune poupée aux yeux verts; je t'ai comblée d'amour.

My young doll with eyes of green; I was filled with love.

J'ai même supporté ta haine des chats, moi qu'aimais tellement les jolies bêtes...

I even endured your hatred of cats, I who loved the pretty little beasts so much...

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...tu faisais ça d'une façon si innocente, par pur enfantillage...

...you did it so innocently, as if by pure childishness...

...parce que tu m'avais dit que torturer les chats était ta maniere a toi de rendre notre amour favorable, par un sacrifice symbolique...

...because you said torturing the cats was a way of ensuring our love, with a symbolic sacrifice...



Tu sais si bien t'habiller, ma douce Consuelo, toujours drappée dans des velours verts, verts comme tes yeux. Je pense que tu seras toujours belle, même dans cent ans...

You always dressed so well, sweet Consuelo, wrapped in green velvet, a green the color of your eyes. I will always find you beautiful, even in a hundred years.

Tu es si fière de ta beauté; que ne ferais-tu pas pour rester toujours jeune?

You are so proud of your beauty. What would you not do to remain young forever?