1. Identify the physical descriptions of the three women in the story. Make a list of their personality traits. Then discuss what each of these women could symbolize in the story.

2. What is the importance of the quilt in the story? What does it represent? What does it mean to Dee, Mama and Maggie? Do these three women differ from one another in relation to their perceptions of the quilt? If yes, in what way(s).

3. What could Dee’s taking a Polaroid photograph signify? Why do you think Dee prefers to exclude herself from the photograph?

4. What is the importance of the TV show in the story? How does it help us understand Mama and Dee?