

Black Beauty

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Why does Beauty's mother connect good breeding to behavior rather than pedigree alone?

TOTAL TIME

PASSAGE

30 minutes	Duchess defines good breeding
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FIND THE ANCHOR TEXT

Use the Anchor Text Table of Contents in the Enhanced Reader to open the START anchor. Then use the dropdown to select the END anchor.

SECTION / LOCATION	Chapter 1 · My Early Home
START	“I wish you to pay attention to what I am going to say to you.
END	I have never forgotten my mother's advice; I knew she was a wise old horse, and our master thought a great deal of her.
PASSAGE ID	sec-bb-01

THE MOVE

Separate inherited status from chosen conduct

WHY THIS PASSAGE

Beauty’s mother begins with pedigree but quickly redirects the idea of 'good breeding' toward behavior—gentleness, obedience, and conduct. Status is inherited; character has to be practiced.

MARK

Underline the details about Beauty’s family or pedigree. Circle the advice about how he should behave. Draw an arrow from inherited status to the conduct his mother says must justify it.

NOTICE

- What parts of Beauty’s identity are given to him at birth?

- What parts depend on choices he makes later?
- Why does his mother treat behavior as the real proof of 'good breeding'?

THINK

Answer provisionally: Why does Beauty's mother connect good breeding to behavior rather than pedigree alone? Choose the strongest interpretation you can defend from this passage alone.

WRITE

Write a short evidence-based response to: Why does Beauty's mother connect good breeding to behavior rather than pedigree alone? Use at least two details from the assigned passage and explain how they support your interpretation.

CLOSE

Name the single detail that most changed or sharpened your interpretation, and explain why.

STRONG ANSWER	Beauty's mother treats pedigree as a starting status, not proof of character. Good breeding has to be demonstrated through gentleness, obedience, and conduct.
EVIDENCE	Use one inherited fact about Beauty's family and one behavioral rule his mother says must follow from it.
WATCH FOR	Do not say pedigree is meaningless. The passage distinguishes what is inherited from what must still be chosen.
SOLO	Read the exact passage independently.
SUPPORTED	Use narration and sentence highlighting while reading the same passage.
LISTENING	Listen to the exact passage; visual following is optional. Same question and evidence demand.

STUDENT PAGE · SAME PASSAGE, SAME THINKING

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OPEN THE MARKED PASSAGE IN TUMBLELIT

SOLO: read independently. SUPPORTED: use narration + highlighting. LISTENING: listen to the exact passage. The question and evidence task stay the same.

1. MARK - Underline the details about Beauty's family or pedigree. Circle the advice about how he should behave. Draw an arrow from inherited status to the conduct his mother says must justify it.
2. NOTICE - What parts of Beauty's identity are given to him at birth? What parts depend on choices he makes later? Why does his mother treat behavior as the real proof of 'good breeding'?
3. THINK - Answer provisionally: Why does Beauty's mother connect good breeding to behavior rather than pedigree alone?
4. WRITE - Write a short response using at least two pieces of evidence from this passage.

Use evidence from the assigned passage. Show what you noticed and how the text supports your interpretation.