

Pre-Film-Activity

Read the excerpt from *The Help* (see link below) and discuss the following with a classmate:

- Why does Skeeter bring Co-Colas as she visits Aibileen do you think?
- Why does Skeeter want to sit in the kitchen?
- Is Aibileen really that bad a writer as Skeeter thought she would be? Explain...
- Who do you think Elizabeth Leefolt is?
- What happened to Aibileen in her first job?
- How would you have felt if the same thing happened to you?
- What is shame, according to Aibileen?
- What does Aibileen's definition of shame tell about society's or her family's expectations to her?
- Why would they not let the little white boy have the surgery at the negro hospital?
- Based on the impression you get from this excerpt, try to describe Skeeter and Aibileen as persons/characters. How are their personalities?

Link: Excerpt from *The Help* by Katrin Stockett from Book Browse – Your Guide to Exceptional Books (text can be printed):

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