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Comprehension Questions

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Gathering Blue Chapter 9

Completely answer the following comprehension questions based on information from the chapter(s).

1. As Kira works on the robe, she recites the names of the plants and their uses, diligently trying to learn them all. Thomas stops in her room to visit and offers to write the names of the plants to help her study. Does Kira accept his help? Why does she avoid looking at the words?
2. Kira visits her mother's old color garden in hopes of salvaging some of her mother's plants. What does she see when she gets there? Describe what happens.
3. Thomas presents Kira with an intricately carved box as a gift, and she places her decorated scrap of cloth in it for protection. Kira explains that the scrap seems to speak to her and appears to have a life of its own. What does Thomas admit to Kira? What task has Thomas been given?
4. Kira is awed by the complexity and sheer scope of the artistry featured on the robe. What does the robe signify for Kira's people? Why do you think the robe so important?
5. Kira and Thomas can hear the sounds of the men preparing for the next morning's hunt in the plaza below. Why does Kira want Thomas to help her stop Matt from going on the hunt? What else gives Kira an uneasy feeling about the hunt?

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Gathering Blue Chapter 10

Completely answer the following comprehension questions based on information from the chapter(s).

1. Kira and Thomas make their way down into the crowd of shouting, arguing men preparing for the hunt. Why is the crowd behaving badly? What does Kira do when one grabs her?
2. Kira and Thomas soon find Matt, who is showing off his spear to his surrounding friends. What has Matt done to himself to look more grown-up? What was the only thing it accomplished?
3. Back in the Edifice, Thomas gives Matt and Branch a much-needed bath, after which Kira joins them. The three of them share a pleasant meal together. Why does Matt try to take Kira's pendant? What does Kira and Thomas give him instead?
4. After Matt leaves, Kira tries to explain to Thomas the feelings she sometimes gets from her decorated scrap of cloth. She shows it to him, but it seems devoid of the comfort or life that it sometimes exudes when she is alone. How does Thomas respond? What does he show Kira that makes their friendship stronger?

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