**Wildflower Girl**

**Chapter 22 – The New Housekeeper**

1. **What gifts did everyone give to Mrs Madden before she left?**

The Rowan Family gave her a glass decanter and six glasses.

Mrs O’Connor gave her an apron and recipe book.

Peggy gave her a small sea blue paper weight.

Kitty gave her a pair of gardening gloves.

1. **What do we learn about Miss Lewis in this chapter?**

Miss Lewis is the new housekeeper.

She is not married.

She is about 50years old.

Miss Lewis is small and mean.

She does not tolerate laziness or waste.

1. **How did Miss Lewis describe Kitty and Peggy when she seen their room? Why?**

Miss Lewis described Kitty and Peggy ‘like two animals living in a cage’ when she seen their room because it was in such a mess.

1. **Why did Roxanne throw the book at Peggy?**

Roxanne threw the book at Peggy because she was annoyed that Peggy had read the same book as her and because Peggy stood up to her.

**Chapter 23 – Mutiny**

1. What changes did Miss Leis make?

Miss Lewis insisted that she go through the menu with the Mistress instead of Mrs O’ Connor.

She also ordered that only the most basic simple food should be provided downstairs and that slices of cake and the upstairs pudding were off limits.

Miss Lewis banned reading out loud from the newspaper.

1. **What job did Miss Lewis insist Kitty now attend to?**

Miss Lewis insisted that Kitty attend to the mending and darning of the household since she was now well enough to sit up.

1. **What mixture did Mrs O’Connor prepare for Kitty to help build up her strength?**

Mrs O’Connor made a mix of two whole eggs and a tiny drop of sherry.

1. **Why was the Mr Rowan so happy with the new housekeeper?**

Mr. Rowan was happy with the new housekeeper because she was able to talk to him about the savings she was making in the household budget.

1. **What did Mrs O’Connor do to make Miss Lewis think she was deliberately trying to fight her authority?**

Mrs O’ Connor put a lump of gristle or bone in a family member’s meal each second day knowing this would reflect badly on Miss Lewis.

**Chapter 24 – Good Riddance**

1. **Why was Peggy exhausted at the beginning of the chapter?**

Peggy was exhausted because Miss Lewis had made her wax and re-wax the floor on the landing three times before it was to her satisfaction.

1. **What did Peggy and Kitty think Mrs O’ Connor was doing on her day off?**

Peggy and Kitty thought that Mrs O’Connor was gone in search of a new job.

1. **What trick did Peggy play?**

Peggy added a herb called Green Eye to the food.

1. **What happened to everyone in the house?**

In the middle of the night, everyone in the house were up sick with pains in their stomachs and running to the toilet all night.

1. **What did the doctor believe was wrong with everyone?**

The doctor believed it was gastric poisoning.

1. **What happened two days after the sickness?**

Two days after the sickness, the Master fired Miss Lewis and told Mrs. O’Connor that she would have a say in the appointment of the next new housekeeper.

1. **Do you think that what Peggy did was right or wrong? Give reasons for your answer.**

**Chapter 25 – Thanksgiving**

1. **What signs are we given in the first paragraph to show that the weather had turned bitterly cold?**

* Peggy and Kitty had to crack ice in the water jug to wash.
* Their noses were blue.
* They were shivering.
* They fled to the heat of the kitchen**.**

1. **What dies Kitty say ‘Thanksgiving’ is?**

Kitty says Thanksgiving is a kind of feast day – a holiday, tis fierce important.

1. **What did Peggy send home?**

Peggy sent home the picture she’d had taken and some of her savings.

1. **How does the story end? Happy? Sad?**

**How does Peggy feel? Does she regret moving to America? Give reasons**

Answer – this is your own opinion.

1. **‘The bell from upstairs rang’ – what do you think the family wanted?**

Answer – This is your own opinion