

Study Guide for Susan Coolidge's "What Katy Did"

"What Katy Did" is a classic children's novel by Susan Coolidge, published in 1872. The story follows the adventures of Katy Carr, a young girl who learns valuable lessons about responsibility, kindness, and the importance of following her dreams.

Katy Carr: The protagonist of the novel, Katy is a lively and imaginative girl. She loves to play outdoors and often gets into trouble due to her mischievous nature. However, she is also kind-hearted and has a strong sense of justice.

Cousin Helen: Katy's older cousin, Helen is a kind and gentle girl who acts as a role model for Katy. She is always patient and understanding, even when Katy is acting out.



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Dr. Carr: Katy's strict father, Dr. Carr is a stern and demanding man. He expects Katy to behave perfectly and often punishes her for her mistakes.

Aunt Izzie: Katy's loving and supportive aunt, Aunt Izzie is the one person who truly understands Katy's wild spirit. She encourages Katy to pursue her dreams and always believes in her.

Responsibility: Throughout the novel, Katy learns the importance of taking responsibility for her actions. After she accidentally breaks her doll, she is forced to confront the consequences of her impulsiveness.

Kindness: Katy also learns the importance of being kind to others. She helps her neighbor, Mrs. Murray, with her chores and befriends the lonely orphan, Clover.

The Power of Dreams: Katy has a strong desire to become a writer, but her father forbids her from pursuing her dream. Despite the obstacles, Katy never gives up on her dream and eventually finds a way to follow it.

1. What are some of Katy's positive and negative traits?
2. How does Katy's relationship with her cousin Helen change over the course of the novel?
3. What is the significance of Dr. Carr's punishment for Katy breaking her doll?
4. How does Katy's friendship with Clover help her to grow as a person?

5. What are some of the ways that Katy's dream to become a writer is thwarted?
6. How does Katy ultimately overcome the obstacles to her dream?
7. What are some of the lessons that Katy learns throughout the novel?
8. What are some of the ways that "What Katy Did" is still relevant to readers today?

1. Create a character map of the major characters in the novel.
2. Write a diary entry from Katy's perspective, reflecting on her experiences throughout the novel.
3. Design a book cover for a modern edition of "What Katy Did."
4. Create a presentation on the themes of the novel.
5. Lead a class discussion on the importance of responsibility, kindness, and following your dreams.

- **Susan Coolidge Biography:**

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Susan_Coolidge

- **"What Katy Did" Text:** <https://www.gutenberg.org/files/11664/11664-h/11664-h.htm>

- **Study Guide for "What Katy Did" (PDF):**

<http://www.shmoop.com/what-katy-did/study-guide/>

- **Lesson Plan for "What Katy Did":**

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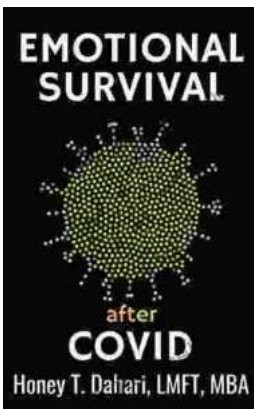
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