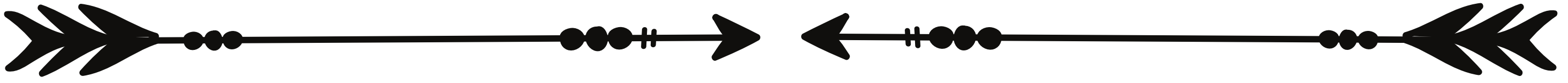


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## *Jeannette Walls / Discussion Questions*

**Directions: Answer each question thoroughly for full credit. Be sure to USE COMPLETE SENTENCES. If you fail to use complete sentences, you will not receive full credit. Answer these questions in your journal or on a separate sheet of paper.**

- Where does Jeannette see her mother at the very beginning of the narrative?
- Why does Jeannette describe her Park Avenue apartment in such detail? What function does this serve within the introductory narrative?
- What is Jeannette's mother's reaction when Jeannette asks her if she needs anything?
- What is Jeannette's earliest memory?
- Why did she have to go to the hospital?
- At the hospital, what did the nurse give her (much to her mother's disapproval)?
- What did it mean to check out "Rex Walls style"?
- Why is the last line (in chapter one) tinged with irony? The line reads, "You're safe now" (Walls 14).
- Why do you think this is the memory that Jeannette selects to begin her memoir?
- Find one rhetorical device, strategy, or appeal in the text. Provide the direct quotation here and identify the strategy.