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“On Compassion”

**Now that you’re finished...**

**Identify Ascher’s thesis.**

**Why did she put it there?**

**Ascher explores causes and effects. Do you agree with her that exposure to others’ helplessness increases our compassion? Why or why not?**



**Read and annotate the following passage:**

**Twice I have witnessed this, and twice I have wondered, what compels this woman to feed this man? Pity? Care? Compassion? Or does she simply want to rid her shop of his troublesome presence? If expulsion were her motivation she would not reward his arrival with gifts of food. Most proprietors do not. They chase the homeless from their midst with expletives and threats.**

**What is the structure of this passage?**

- a. Chronological
- b. Personal/Global
- c. Problem/Solution
- d. Question/Answer
- e. Specific/Broad

**Defend your choice with details from the passage:**

**Aside from “Pity? Care? Compassion? “ which words in this passage convey Acher’s sympathy with the homeless? Choose three and explain how they show she sympathizes with them.**

**1.**

**2.**

**3.**