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“On Compassion” - Barbara Ascher

DIRECTIONS: Read “On Compassion” on p. 193-195 with your partner, alternating paragraphs as you go. Use the reading guide below to stop, reflect upon, and discuss the passage.

Read paragraphs 1-5. Write a summary statement for these paragraphs here:

Read para 6: “Was it fear or compassion that motivated the gift?” Make a claim, support it with text evidence, and elaborate.

Read paragraphs 7 & 8. How does this scenario compare to the first one?

Read paragraphs 9-12.

What solution to homelessness is introduced in paragraph 10? What does Ascher think of this possibility?

Read paragraphs 13-14

Why do you think Ascher says empathy is the “mother of compassion”?

What figurative language does Ascher use to describe compassion?