Junior English

“The Chrysanthemums”

Hi Juniors,

I’m sorry to miss our class today. Please follow the instructions below to complete today’s assignment. We’ll discuss the story and questions during our next class period.

1. Read and annotate the short story “The Chrysanthemums” by John Steinbeck.
2. After reading the story, address the questions below. Please be sure to use evidence from the story for support.
   1. Characterize Elisa at the beginning of the story.
   2. Review the first two paragraphs of the story. What do you notice about the description? What’s the significance of the setting?
   3. Describe the relationship between Elisa and her husband.
   4. How does Elisa change by the end of the story? What causes the shift? How does Steinbeck show this? Review your response to question one to help with this.
   5. Explain the significance of the title.
   6. Draw connections to *A Raisin in the Sun.* What similarities are you seeing? Use evidence from both the short story and play to support your claim.
3. Please share your questions with me when you have finished.
4. We’ll discuss the story and questions during our next class period.
5. There is no homework tonight.