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## Essay Writing: Grace Under Fire



**Directions:** Flannery O'Connor often writes about moments of **grace** that come during extreme situations. In this story, the grandmother only shows her truest moment of grace when her family is facing death. Write a **short essay** explaining how O'Connor presents the theme of "grace under pressure." Use the questions below to help plan your essay.

## Essay Prompt Questions

- How does the grandmother act throughout most of the story?
- What changes in her behavior during the final encounter with The Misfit?
- How does her reaching out to The Misfit show grace?
- What is O'Connor's message about grace and pressure in life-or-death situations?

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