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Interpret With Evidence

Directions: Read the passage carefully, paying close attention to word choice, imagery, and the character's emotions. Reread and think about what larger idea or theme the passage might suggest. Write a **short paragraph (4-6 sentences)** defending your interpretation of the passage.

- Begin with a **clear claim** (your interpretation).
- Support your claim with **at least two pieces of textual evidence**.
- Explain how the evidence supports your interpretation.

Passage (Adapted, Original)

Rain hammered the tin roof as Clara sat by the window, her hands folded tightly in her lap. The world outside blurred into silver streaks, but her eyes remained fixed on the small suitcase at her feet. It was packed neatly, ready for a journey she had delayed again and again. With each roll of thunder, Clara's chest rose sharply, as though bracing for a choice she could no longer avoid.

Prompt: What does this passage suggest about Clara's state of mind, and what theme might it reflect?
