

"Rain, Rain Go Away"

What do we know about the Sakkaros?

As you read the story, make a list of things we know about the Sakkaros

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My Prediction:



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Summary

Setting: United States, twentieth century

Lillian Wright is curious about her new neighbors, the Sakkaros. They are mysterious in many ways. The Sakkaros have a son the same age as Lillian's son Tommie, so Lillian arranges for the two families to spend a day at an amusement park. The Sakkaros are extremely fearful of rain. On the day of the outing, Mr. Sakkaro listens to weather forecasts on his pocket radio. His son constantly checks an aneroid barometer. The Sakkaros stuff themselves with cotton candy, and they refuse to eat hamburgers and soft drinks. When the sky begins to cloud over, the Sakkaros seem to panic. They insist on leaving immediately. On the drive home they become more and more distressed. Home at last, the Sakkaros make a dash for shelter, but the rain pounds down on them. To the astonishment of the Wrights, the Sakkaros shrink, shrivel up, and melt into sticky heaps.

Story Map

Conflict: Lillian Wright is curious about the Sakkaros.

Rising Action: Lillian arranges for the families to spend the day at the park.

Climax: The Sakkaros panic at the site of clouds and insist on going home

Falling Action: The Sakkaros make a dash, but the rain falls on them

Resolution: The Sakkaros shrink, shrivel up and melt into sticky heaps.