

PARENT GUIDE > Growing Up

by Gary Soto • 1990

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This week in class, we're reading "Growing Up" by Gary Soto.

In Gary Soto's short story, "Growing Up," a teenage girl decides she's too old for family vacations.

As we read, we will be discussing the themes of Growing Up and Loneliness & Isolation as they relate to the text. We are trying to answer these big questions :

"What does it mean to feel alone?" and "What does it mean to be grown up?"

Ways to support your child:

- Ask your child about this short story at home:
 - What was "Growing Up" About
 - What did you learn about? About Loneliness & Isolation?
- Watch the following clips with your child at home:
 - 'Brain Development in Teenagers'
 - 'Teens Talk About Family'

