

Jim Wheelbanks shouts across the room, “them shoes ain’t new; they got holes in the bottom. I seen the holes when she was going down the slide on the playground before the bell rang” (58).

The children in Kimberly say, “It’s nice to be around a mama who don’t drink” (139).

The whole mood of the Zamora Temple was quiet, when they thanked the two Shriners “whispered, ‘You’re welcome” (182).

After a Brutal beating from SK just for being spotted, John sobs “but I didn’t do anything” (Moss, 178).

The Moss family also has a better household environment. “but didn’t often spend the night at their house because gopher rats walked arrogantly about like cats.” (144).

SK has a notion when he is drunk that he can do whatever he wants to do. “My father believed he was the master of his fate. He did exactly what he wanted to do and, by manipulation or force, made those around him do what he wanted them to do” (37).

Stewart shouts out, “I can take care of my family, by God!” (179).

Our house had already become the gathering place for the neighborhood kids (pg. 137).

The Mosses social status increased in Kimberly.

Moss describes the families issues with poverty.

Through the authors writing, it was clear that the children were not ungrateful.