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Student notes for: The Velveteen Rabbit by Margery Williams

Day: 3

1. Scarlet fever is a disease that most commonly affects children and, before there were antibiotics, it usually resulted in death. Describe the physical effects of scarlet fever on the Boy.

2. What is the impact of the line, "And then, one day, the Boy was ill" on the rest of the story?

3. The author often uses simple sentences to reveal the passage of time. "And then, one day, the Boy was ill", is an example of this. How does this line affect the mood of this scene?

4. What does the word "dull" mean for this time in the Rabbit's life?



5. What does the author mean when she writes, "And presently the fever turned"?

6. How does the Rabbit convey both his loyalty and optimism when faced with the Boy's sickness?

| What happened to the Boy during his illness? | How did it make Rabbit feel? |
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Focus question: How does the Boy's illness in the second half of the story contribute to the development of his and Rabbit's relationship?



