

Blood Brothers: Quick Notes Revision Quiz

Plot, characters, context, themes and an exam-style plan for Willy Russell's *Blood Brothers*.

Name _____ Date _____ Class _____

Learning objective: I can recall the plot, characters, themes and context of *Blood Brothers*.

✓ I know the plot ✓ I can link characters and themes ✓ I can use context

1 The plot Number the events of *Blood Brothers* in order.

- ☐ A Mickey, on antidepressants, discovers Linda and Eddie's friendship.
- ☐ B Mrs Johnstone agrees to give one of her twins to Mrs Lyons.
- ☐ C Mickey and Eddie are both killed.
- ☐ D Mickey loses his job and takes part in a robbery with Sammy.
- ☐ E Mickey and Eddie meet aged seven and become 'blood brothers'.
- ☐ F The Lyons family moves to the countryside.

2 Characters Match each character to a description.

- 1 Mrs Johnstone ☐ A the twin who stays with his birth mother
- 2 Mrs Lyons ☐ B comments on the action and warns of fate
- 3 Mickey ☐ C the twin raised by the Lyons family
- 4 Eddie ☐ D the twins' birth mother, a working-class single mother
- 5 the Narrator ☐ E a wealthy woman who raises Eddie

3 Themes For each theme, give one moment where it appears and the character most linked to it.

Theme	Where it appears	Linked character
Social class		
Fate and superstition		
Friendship		

Answer Key

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Question	Answers
1 The plot	Correct order: B, E, F, D, A, C Mrs Johnstone agrees to give one of her twins to Mrs Lyons. → Mickey and Eddie meet aged seven and become 'blood brothers'. → The Lyons family moves to the countryside. → Mickey loses his job and takes part in a robbery with Sammy. → Mickey, on antidepressants, discovers Linda and Eddie's friendship. → Mickey and Eddie are both killed.
2 Characters	1 D; 2 E; 3 A; 4 C; 5 B
3 Themes	Social class – Where it appears: the move to the countryside; Mickey's unemployment , Linked character: Mickey / Eddie Fate and superstition – Where it appears: the Narrator's warnings; shoes on the table , Linked character: the Narrator Friendship – Where it appears: the twins become blood brothers , Linked character: Mickey and Eddie
4 Context and themes	1 True ; 2 True ; 3 False – class gives Eddie far more opportunities; 4 True
5 Exam practice	Look for: • Different opportunities for Mickey and Eddie • Mrs Johnstone vs Mrs Lyons • Context: 1980s unemployment, Thatcher era, nature vs nurture

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