ELEVEN   CLOSE READING QUESTIONS

Answer the questions after you read the story and discuss them with your teammates. Present evidence when you write your answer. For that, make sure you underline or mark in your story

In paragraph three, the author includes figurative language. How does the figurative language in the text help the reader understand the character's feelings about getting older? Cisneros writes "the way you grow old is kind of like an onion or like the rings inside a tree trunk or like my little wooden dolls that fit one inside the other, each year inside the next one".	*Think /write* *Pair /share* *Consensus*
The author stated, "Only today I wish I didn't have only eleven years rattling inside me like pennies in a tin can." What does this figurative language mean, and how does it affect the tone of the text?	*Think /write* *Pair /share* *Consensus*
Reread the first four paragraphs and note how many times the author starts a sentence with the word "and". Why do you think the author makes this choice?	*Think /write* *Pair /share* *Consensus*

When Sylvia says the sweater belongs to Rachel, how does Rachel respond? What does this reveal about how Rachel feels about herself?	*Think /write* *Pair /share* *Consensus*
Why does Rachel feel that Mrs. Price is "right"? Give evidence from the text to support your answer.	*Think /write* *Pair /share* *Consensus*
In the beginning of paragraph twelve it says: "Not mine, not mine, not mine", but Mrs. Price is already turning to page thirty-two, and math problem number four. What does this section of the text and how Rachel responds to the situation tell us about Rachel's character?	*Think /write* *Pair /share* *Consensus*

Identify each time Rachel claims "not mine". Why does the author repeat this refrain throughout the story, and how does it affect the overall meaning and tone of the text?	**Think /write** **Pair /share** **Consensus**
When the text states, "Mrs. Price pretends like everything's okay", what age does this reflect? Why?	**Think /write** **Pair /share** **Consensus**
How has Rachel grown older today? Include evidence from the text to support your answer.	**Think /write** **Pair /share** **Consensus**