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Essay 1

There are many types of interpretation. They are to help improve on understanding and internalizing information that is provided. Interpretation like religious, political, moral, ethical, and scientific are the types of interpretation that are common to people's understanding. It bolsters the ability of a person to articulate and make a better judgment during the critical period, which will give better understanding of the person. Interpretation helps the mind to be sharper in order to perform more critical thinking jobs.

I decided to rewrite *The Money* by Junot Diaz, on the perspective of a man(replacing Diaz) who grew up in the Philippines, who was educated at a very young age on frugality, and saving money so it can be used in times of emergency. The money was stolen by a close family member which is the aunt, the sister of the father. We see how the family relationships were destroyed because of the man who saved his money while growing up, but little he knows that a family member has destroyed his trust at a very young age.

The Savings

As the life in the Philippines is different from the life in the United States. But the similarity is that people need to survive, and also have necessities in order to live. My father and stepmother at that time worked in the United States, and are sending money to me, my

grandmother, and my aunt. I save the money that I received, and keep them in order for the times of emergency, I have the money to be spent. As growing up, I was educated about frugality, in which the money that is saved will benefit myself and others in the future. At that time, I saved up to ₱5000.00 which is \$100 at that time.

My aunt who has a gambling vice, that led her to steal my money as well as my cousin's money. I easily figured out that it was her because she followed me to my room, and went in every time that I am not there. It was one moment that I needed money for the basketball tournament, in which I had to pay the registration fee. The moment I opened the box, where I put all of them. My money was gone. When I confronted her, right before I said a word she told me "I never stole your money." which proves my theory that she took my money. I told her "Yes, you did take them". She tried to punch me, but I defended myself, and hit back at her until she fell to the ground. After that I took my money, and my cousin's money. I have returned my cousin's money after I took the money from my aunt. After that event, I forgave my aunt who stole my money, but never trusted her when it came to money.

The Aunt

A man who was educated on frugality was having his money stolen by a close family member. The family member is the aunt who he trusted, and his father trusted to take care of him in the Philippines as the parents are working in the United States. Everytime the young boy receives money, he saves them in case of emergency, there is money that he can spend for his family. He saved up all of his allowance, to have enough money for him, but when he needed money, it was gone because the aunt stole his money from his coin bank. When he confronted his aunt, she tried to hurt him, but the boy fought back. He saw the money in her pocket, and the

money was supposed to be used on gambling vice his aunt had. He took his cousin's money as well, and gave them back to his cousin. After that, he forgave his aunt for stealing his money, but never trusted her about money.

Conclusion

The events in the story are basically a piece of information that help readers understand and internalize all information provided. The perspectives may be different but the interpretation and the meaning of the stories are the same. The characters which are myself, my aunt, my father, and my stepmother play the role of character development that express which characters are antagonists, and which are protagonists. The aunt in the story is the antagonist, who destroyed the trust of the person she was entrusted. The context is the fact that the events have helped me grow, and to learn who to trust, and who not to trust. It is because people always find a way to create stories that can break the trust bond that was established.