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Homework

Jewell Parker Rhodes believes in ghosts



Jerome’s grandma says, “Every goodbye ain’t gone.” This is an African-American saying that Jewell Parker Rhodes believes.

Rhodes was raised by her grandmother. One week after Rhodes called to say she had decided to be a writer, her grandmother died. She died in a hospital elevator. She chose to go to the only hospital in Pittsburgh that allowed Black doctors. They didn’t have the equipment they needed to save her life on the first floor.

Rhodes believes her grandmother is still with her. She says, “I feel her presence every single day. I feel that I can access her, her goodness, her love, and it restores me.”

Rhodes says that believing in ghosts is an African-American tradition. She says that many African faiths believe that everything has a spirit. And those spirits don’t disappear. We should honor the spirits of our ancestors. “The dead are still with us,” she says.

Source: “Black Lives Matter for Middle Schoolers,”
The Longest Shortest Time, May 2, 2018.

→ Summarize the story of how Jewell Parker Rhodes’ grandmother died, told in paragraph 2.

WHO is this about?

WHAT happened to her?

WHEN did this happen?

WHERE did this happen?

WHY did this happen?

→ Do you agree that the dead are still with us? Why or why not?

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