

Read paragraphs 11-12 of “An Address by Elizabeth Cady Stanton” from “An Address by Elizabeth Cady Stanton” from “It is the wise mother that has the wise son” to “so in her elevation shall the race be recreated.”

1. What does Cady Stanton mean when she describes women as “slaves”?
2. How does the notion of women as “slaves” in paragraph 11 interact with other ideas from previous paragraphs?
3. What is the effect on the nation if women are “slaves”?
4. How does Cady Stanton use figurative language in the third sentence of paragraph 11? How does her word choice advance her point of view?
5. How does Cady Stanton further develop ideas in paragraph 11 which were introduced in paragraph 10?
6. How does Cady Stanton support her claim about “wise mother[s]” in the last sentence?
7. How does Cady Stanton’s word choice in her description of “the wife” further develop an idea from paragraph 11?

8. To whom does “his” refer in the phrase “the foolish son is heaviness to his heart”?
9. What are the “sins of the fathers,” and whom do the sins impact?
10. What has God’s “wisdom” created and how does it further develop the “sins of the fathers”?
11. How does this allusion contribute to Cady Stanton’s point of view in paragraph 12?
12. How does the imagery in paragraph 12 interact with other ideas in paragraphs 11–12?
13. How does the phrase “so in her elevation the race shall be recreated” connect to previously developed ideas?
14. How does Cady Stanton’s use of the word “restoration” further develop her purpose?