

Tuck Everlasting

Research Questions, Chps 3-4

1. Look at the following web page <http://www.vtaide.com/png/frog.htm> to learn about the life-cycle of a toad. Consider the following quote about how toads are used as symbols in literature: "Frogs undergo profound transformation. They start as eggs that are transformed into tadpoles which in turn are ultimately reborn as frogs. Frogs may symbolize change and rebirth. The transformation may be a transformation of outer life or the change of the inner self."

Explain how the toad represents change in literature. What about a toad's life makes it a good symbol for change and growth?

2. With the information from the previous question in mind, what does it tell us about Winnie that she is interacting with the toad? What can we expect will happen to her? Keep in mind what Winnie's life is like at her house and what she tells the toad she wants to do.