Values vs. Responsibility in *The Glass Castle*

**Values are things you believe in and things you would like to do. Responsibility consists of things you must do, regardless of your values.**

Can adults ever just do what they want?

Is there a sort of freedom in adulthood?

In the following chart, make note of the events that the Walls children encounter, what caused the event to happen, and what (if anything) the kids learned as a result.

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| Surprising events | What caused the event? | What did the kids learn? | Was the lesson worth enduring the event? |
| -Jeannette burned at 3 | -boiling hot dogs over stove unsupervised | -not to be afraid of fire, in fact was drawn to it |  |

How are Rose Mary and Rex’s values and beliefs evident in their style of parenting?

Is Rose Mary and Rex’s approach to parenting teaching their kids good values? Justify your answer with reference to the chart above.

Would you consider Rose Mary and Rex responsible parents? Justify your answer with reference to the chart above.

Go to the class blog to engage in a discussion about this topic.