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Your Task:

Read, annotate, and then respond to the following Comprehension Questions on Katy Butler's essay

"What Broke My Father's Heart?"

1. Katy Butler describes the traditional medical belief among physicians of promoting "maximum treatment" for their patients. But, in the process of her narrative essay, she provides harrowing details of how she and her mother felt "unnaturally" compelled to end her father's life. Find evidence that illustrates Butler's attitude when and when not to let medical technology prevent nature from taking its course.

Thinking TIP: "Maximum treatment" is a vague term that needs to be unpacked before you answer the question. Is maximum a synonym for Effective? Excessive? Compassionate? Ethical?

2. According to Butler, the doctors she interacted with "were now skilled technicians with their own agendas." First, find evidence that illustrates what are the agendas that influence a doctor's decision in implementing new medical technology. Second, find evidence that illustrates whether Butler's suspicious attitude toward these agendas is justified?

Writing TIP: Make sure to include at least two quotations in your response to illustrate this technical term. Make sure you address BOTH questions completely.

Guidelines:

Be sure to...

- Provide a Claim that clearly addresses the prompt and provides an **arguable** position.
- Only use **specific, relevant** summary that is embedded with your evidence to **indirectly** demonstrate its relevance to your claim.
- Pick Evidence that is effectively **concise**, altered to be **grammatically correct** and cited in **MLA format**.
- Provide Analysis that provides a clear insight into what is **in the evidence you chose and nothing else**; highlighting an inference, consequence, or implication that aids the reader in **indirectly** understanding why your evidence is effective.
- Justify your analysis with a **clear** understanding of how your analysis supports your equally clear claim.