

The New Blue Dress

Questions And Answers:

1. **What kind of street was Gates Avenue at the beginning of the story and what happened at the end?**

Answer: At the beginning of the story, the streets of the Gates Avenue looked longer even after being a short one because of being untidy and dirty. There was no pavement, streetlight. But at the end of the story, the street of Gates Avenue changed completely. There were new pavements and streetlights.

2. **Why do you think the teacher gave the blue dress to the little girl?**

Answer: The teacher observed the little girl for quite a long time. The teacher knew that the girl was very nice but was dirty and unclean. She asked her to clean her dress and come to school. But the girl arrived the school with the same dirty dress. So, she thought probably the mother is not interested in her. Thus, she bought a new blue dress and gifted it to the little girl.

3. What change did the new blue dress bring in the little girl's house?

Answer: The new blue dress brought a drastic change not only in the girl's house but in the entire Gates Avenue. The mother seeing her little girl in a clean new blue dress, felt ashamed of herself and promised of being tidier. She started cleaning the kitchen floor and the father too started making the garden and repaired the fence.

4. How did the change in the little girl's house influence the neighbours?

Answer: The change in the little girl's house influenced a lot the neighbours and the entire locality. The neighbour watched the little girl's father working on the fences and making the garden. Seeing this, he started painting his house. And this happened for the first time in ten years. And in this way it spread the entire Gates Avenue.

5. Do you think behaviour of people influence others all the time? Give examples?

Answer: Yes, good behaviour of people influence others all the time.

For example, we can see in the story how the kind act of the teacher has influenced the family members of the little girl. Then the girl's family influenced the neighbours and it carried on to the young minister. As a result, the dirty Gates Avenue changed entirely and became a place where respectable citizens started to live. So we see, the good behaviour of the teacher had transformed the entire community.