

1) What is Bertha Young frustrated about?

Bertha Young in Mansfield's Bliss has been living most of her life in a green world, where to her ~~and~~ everything in her life lovely and perfect. ~~into~~ this dreamland Bertha wishes to express her internal state, i.e. 'absolute bliss' through her innocent actions and behaviour. But there is no way, she feels, to express the joy she is liking without ~~socially~~ condemning her behaviour. Thus Bertha is frustrated and her frustration with her situation is suggested by the story's ending.

2) What does Bertha discover about Pearl Fulton at the end of the story Bliss?

Pearl in Mansfield's story Bliss is a passionate blonde woman whom Bertha finds herself immediately desires. Bertha thinks that Pearl has such a passion and feeling towards her as she has to her. And also she thinks that Pearl would gratify her homosexual desire. But towards the end Bertha discovers that Pearl has an illicit love affair with her husband Harry. coming out of her blissful reverie Bertha realises that the connection she feels with Pearl is their mutual attraction for Harry.

3) What does pear tree symbolize?

Bertha <sup>observes</sup> sees the blooming pear tree in the garden as a symbol of ~~her~~ blissful happiness and ~~her~~ <sup>her</sup> friendship with Pearl Fulton. At one point the pear tree is said to be growing towards the moon, the moon having been compared to Pearl at early part of the story Bliss. Anyone may think that the pear tree symbolizes the whole idea of being blissful and how ignorance itself could be bliss. Thus pear tree stands for Bertha's life and <sup>her</sup> ultimate frustration.

This growing symbolises Harry's going to compact with Pearl.

4) "This is a very admirable source" who says this and to whom? What is Souffle?

This sentence is referred to in Bliss by Katherine Mansfield is said by Harry, husband of Bertha, to her.

'Souffle' is a type of light, spongy baked dish made typically of flavoured egg yolk, egg whites, flour and milk beaten together. And it is baked until it rises.

5) "How idiotic civilization is!" to whom is our civilization idiotic and why?

Of Bertha young in Mansfield's Bliss instead of being a grown up woman is overwhelmed by a feeling of absolute bliss, expresses her feeling of perfect joy and she likes and as she is goaded by her inner heart, people would think her drunk and disordered. Hence our modern civilization is idiotic to Bertha young.

6) What is perfect bliss to Bertha?

Sometimes she feels the urge to ruin instead of walk and do things as she used to do as a child. As she has been given a body, she thinks, she must use it any way. She acts anything as she likes and expresses her feeling of joy in her own way. She always likes to do work childishly due to her ignorance of harsh reality. She wants to have homosexual gratification with Pearl Fulton. She always is waiting for something 'divine' to happen. Sum total of innocent things done innocently by herself is a perfect bliss to Bertha young.