

**"The Washwoman" by Isaac Bashevis Singer**  
**Enrichment: Learning From Our Elders**

Isaac Bashevis Singer describes how the washwoman went about her extremely difficult job with honesty and great dedication. Singer learned valuable life lessons from the older people in his community. People who have lived long lives often have interesting stories, ideas, and advice that can benefit younger people who take the time to listen to what they have to say.

**DIRECTIONS:** *Think about what you have learned from the older people in your life. Answer the following questions.*

1. Who are some interesting older adults (grandparents, neighbors, or community members) in your life?

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2. Briefly, what are some of the most interesting experiences these people have shared?

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3. What is one valuable lesson you have learned from an older person, either through observation or conversation?

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4. How do you think older people are generally treated in your community?

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