

My Left Foot
by Christy Brown

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Literary terms: epiphany, autobiography, and author's purpose

Vocabulary: impertinence(n), conviction(n), inert(adj), contention(n), volition(n), taut(adj)

1. Was Christy Brown's birth difficult? Explain.
2. How old was Christy when his mother noticed that something was wrong? Describe three symptoms that she noticed.
3. How was Christy Brown labelled by doctors?
4. How did the doctors respond to his mother's faith in her boy?
5. On page 170, read the paragraph that begins "Finding that the doctors could not help...". What is the author's purpose in writing this paragraph(1-2 sentences)?
6. How does Christy's parents respond to the advice of relatives and friends?
7. What was heartbreaking work for his mother? What does the wall symbolize?*
8. Did Christy have any movement? Explain.
9. What was Christy's response when his mother showed him the book about animals and flowers?
10. How did his mother respond to his curious stare?