Chapter Two

*Essencial Vocabulary*

incompetent

back and forth =hither and thither

she relapsed into her habitual slow bewilderment

to stumble

to sit blankly

a stupendous thought

on the spur of the moment = in a flash

to stride in with solemnity

ensuing fuss

to embark on smth

illicitly

urge

to feel offended and belittled by smth

a look of secret ferocity

to make an abode

to leave one on one’s own =to leave one to oneself

to beseech smb

to fling oneself

to cling to each other

feasible

to be fraught with problems

thingummyjig

asset

to tell on smb

womb

ringlet

feud

a split

to wear an agreeable expression

inconsistency

to be at ease with

like a wedding cake

seditious aspects of the educational policy

to nag at smb

a church-going family

to adhere to

to walk abreast

a breath-taking flight

requests the pleasure of one’s company at dinner + the date

improper and subversive methods

to scrape through

to impute to smb

gross distortion

frugal

to excuse oneself on the plea that

by fits and starts

TOPICS FOR DISSCUSSION

1.On the map of Edinburgh try to trace all places of interest mentioned in the chapter.

2.Mary Macgregor and her fate.

3.Sandy’s and Jenny’s interests.

4.Miss Brodie’s set and their feelings of Ms Brodie’s lessons and methods.

5.What were the principles of Ms Brodie’s selection of her favourites.

6. Comment on Ms Brodie’s habit to gossip about the teaching staff.

7.What were the faults of Miss Brodie’s education.

8. Eunice Gardiner and her loyalty to her teacher.