"The Moustache" by Robert Cormier

(CCLS FOCAL POINT—Cite the textual evidence that most strongly supports an analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.)

Answer the following questions on a separate sheet of paper using complete sentences and sophisticated word choice.

1. Who are the two main characters? Provide two character traits for EACH character, and explain why those traits are suitable choices for each individual.

2. What point of view is the story written in? Who is the narrator of the story?

3. What clues does the author, Robert Cormier, include in his text to exemplify to Mike that his grandmother is NOT having one of her “good days” when he comes to visit?
   *Be sure to include page numbers in parenthesis after each piece of evidence.

4. Who does Mike’s grandmother think he is? Why does she think this way?

5. What inference(s) can you make about the fact that when Mike returns from the nursing home he does not tell his mother about what happened there?

6. Mike directly reveals a lot about himself in this story, but he doesn’t tell us why he shaves off his moustache. What can you infer about his reasons for shaving off his moustache?

BONUS:

What do Mike and his grandmother give each other? (What non-tangible item is passed from generation to generation?) Explain.