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# GOGOL'S CONFLICT CHART CH. 6-7

**Directions: Complete the following chart about Gogol's developing perspective toward Maxine and her life and family (left column) and his perspective on his own family, home, and upbringing (right column) by using direct quotes with citations from sections in Ch. 7.**

## Gogol's feelings toward Maxine and her life (Nikhil)

Pg. 128-129 Examples of quotes

- "he assumes she is older than he is" (Lahiri 128).
- Their overlapping lives "reminds him of Ruth" (Lahiri 128).
- Maxine living with her parents "deflates" and "confuses" Gogol (Lahiri 129).

Read about Maxine and her family on pg. 136-139. Read "From the very beginning" (Lahiri 136) to "She lives faithfully, happily, by their side" (Lahiri 138). Don't just look for characteristics of Maxine: We are finding Gogol's feelings toward Maxine and her life. (3 Quotes)

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## Gogol's feelings toward his family/upbringing (Gogol)

Read about Maxine visiting Gogol's home and family on pg. 147-150. Read "And so, on the way to New Hampshire" (Lahiri 145) to "pretending not to hear" (Lahiri 150). Don't just look for characteristics of Gogol's family: We are finding Gogol's feelings toward his family and his old "Indian" life. Look for what Gogol thinks of his parents, his home, how they eat, or anything else about his "Indian" upbringing.

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Examine the quote "he is conscious of the fact that his immersion in Maxine's family is a betrayal of his own" (Lahiri 141). What does this quote mean in the context of what is going on in Gogol's life right now? (3-4 sentences)

Essential Question: Answer the following essential question in 5-6 sentences on the back of this paper OR on your own sheet of notebook paper. Attach your answer to this paper. MAKE SURE YOU USE AT LEAST TWO QUOTES.

**The author, Jhumpa Lahiri, presents the character Maxine at a time when Gogol's double-identity conflict between "Gogol" and "Nikhil" is most intense. How does Maxine's life embody all that Gogol wants for his own life as "Nikhil"?**