

CLASS-IX

WORKSHEET ON POEM-THE SOLITARY REAPER

Q1. Read the extracts and answer the questions that follow

Behold her, single in the field,
Yon solitary Highland lass!
Reaping and singing by herself;
Stop here, or gently pass!

- 1) Who attracted the poet's attention?
 - a) The passers by
 - b) The Solitary Reaper
 - c) The valley
- 2) Who is the Solitary Reaper singing for?
 - a) For the poet
 - b) For an audience
 - c) For herself
- 3) Whom does the poet refer to as 'Highland lass'?
 - a) The Solitary Reaper
 - b) The passers by
 - c) An imaginary woman

2) 'Will no one tell me what she sings

Perhaps the plaintive numbers flow

For old, unhappy, for all things

And battles long ago'.

- 1) 'Plaintive numbers' means
 - a) Simple songs
 - b) Songs which are easy to understand
 - c) Famous songs

- 2) 'Will no one tell me what she sings' means
- a) He is unable to understand the language she sings in.
 - b) He is requesting somebody to translate the song for him.
 - c) He is eager to understand the song

3) I listened motionless and still

And, as I mounted up the hill,

The music in my heart I bore,

Long after it was heard no more.

- 1) What was the poet listening to
- a) The Solitary Reaper's song
 - b) Some music
 - c) The sound of the nightingale
- 2) What impact did the song have on the poet
- a) He was awestruck
 - b) It lingered on in his heart for a long time
 - c) He was happy
- 3) What is the rhyme scheme in the above lines?
- a) abab
 - b) abba
 - c) aabb

Short answer questions: (30-90 words)

- 1) The poet stood spellbound listening to the captivating song of the reaper. Pick out words/expressions from the poem which highlight the quality of her song.
- 2) Nature has always been a source of great spiritual bliss and comfort to the poet. How does the poet employ nature in the poem to create this effect?
- 3) The poem is rich in imagery. Pick out two images which appeal to you the most.
- 4) What assumptions does the poet make about the theme of the reaper's song?
- 5) Why does the poet compare the song of the solitary reaper to the song of the nightingale and the cuckoo?
- 6) Write a critical appreciation of the poem.

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WorkSheet

Report Writing

Q1:- You are shruti chandran, a reporter for "Sunshine Times", in Lucknow. Write a report on the exhibition of handicrafts held in the city.

Q2:- You are Sangeeta. As a member of the Blood Bank Society; you helped the society to organize a blood donation camp that was held in your school. Write a report to be published in your school magazine.

Q3:- Your school recently held a Book Fair to promote the habit of reading among its students. You are Ali/Amina, the school pupil leader; write a report on the event.

Q4:- Your school participated in an Inter School Debate competition organized by the Teen Club of your town. Prepare a brief report to be published in your school magazine.

Q5. You are Rajat, a reporter for a newspaper. Write a report on the train accident that occurred on the outskirts of Ahmadabad.

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Self learning worksheet-IX

Letter to the editor

Q1. Write a letter to the editor of the 'Indian Express', New Delhi, complaining about the frequent breakdown in the supply of electricity in your locality. You are Shyam Ghosh

Q2. Write a letter to the editor of, The National Herald, Allahabad complaining against the poor water supply to your locality. You are Rahul Bisht.

Q3. Write a letter to the editor of The Hindu, highlighting the fear that is spreading among people due to widespread terrorism in the world. Give suggestions to curb such anti-social activities. You are Vikram Patel.

Q4. Write a letter to the editor of a Daily to draw the attention towards the bad condition of roads of the city, which result in accidents and delay in reaching to the work place. You are Sunil From Kanpur.

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WorkSheet

The Road Not Taken

Q1. Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow in 1 or 2 lines

Two roads diverged in a yellow wood,

And sorry I could not travel both

And be one traveler, long I stood

And looked down one as far as I could

To where it bent in the undergrowth;

- (a) What does the “yellow wood” mean?
- (b) Why does the poet stand long?
- (c) What is the rhyme scheme of the stanza?
- (d) Why is the poet feeling sorry?

Q 2. Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow in 1 or 2 lines

And both that morning equally lay

In leaves no step had trodden black

Oh! I kept the first for another day!

Yet knowing how way leads on to way,

I doubted if I should ever come back

- (a) Why does the poet find the road untrodden?
- (b) Why does the poet doubt about his coming back to the other road?
- (c) What does “I kept the first for another day!” mean?
- (d) What did the poet know about the road?

Q 3. “The choice we make has far-reaching consequences.” How can you make right choices in the life?

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Work-sheet
Villa For Sale

Q1. Read the giving extract and answer the questions that follow:

“Not at all. Mind you, if someone had bought it on the very day I placed it for sale, then I might have felt sorry because I would have wondered if I hadn’t been a fool to sell it at all. But the sign has been hanging on the gate for over a month now and I am beginning to be afraid that the day I bought it was the real fool”

Questions

- a.)How would the speaker have felt if someone had bought the villa on the very day she placed it for sale?
- b.)What has been hanging on the gate for over a month now?
- c.)How does the speaker feel?

Q2. Read the giving extract and answer the questions that follow:

“Oh! I’m fed up with the place, because nobody really wants it! What time did those agency people say the lady call?”

Questions

- a.)Who was fed up with the place and why?
- b.)Who was coming and what was her objective of coming there?
- c.)Was the speaker really ready to sacrifice her villa at any rate?

Q3. Why is Jeanne so much interested in buying the villa?

Q4.Oppportunism and self-interest prompted Mr. Gaston to strike a deal with Juliette. Why Mr. Gaston was not interested in buying the villa in the beginning and why was he so prompt in making the deal with Juliette in the end? Support your answer by quoting from the text.

Q5.Juliette was a clever lady and a hard bargainer but Mr. Gaston proved smarter than her. How did he pocket one thousand francs in the bargain?

Q6. Justfy the title of the play.

WorkSheet

Lord Ullin's Daughter

Q1. Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow in 1 or 2 lines

A chieftain, to the highlands bound

Cries, "Boatmen, do not tarry !

And I'll give thee a silver pound

To row us o'er the ferry! "

- (a) Who was the chieftain?
- (b) Where was the chieftain going and why?
- (c) What did he offer the boatmen? why?
- (d) Why doesn't he want the boatmen to delay?

Q2. Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow in 1 or 2 lines

"Twas vain; the loud waves lashed the shore

Return or aid preventing;

Q3. Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow in 1 or 2 lines

The water wild went o'er his child

And he was left lamenting.

- (a) What according to the poet was "in vain"?
- (b) How are the waves being described in these lines?
- (c) Which poetic device is used in third line?
- (d) Why was the father lamenting?

Q4. What dilemma did Lord Ullin's daughter face when she was about to board the boat?

Q5. Who do you is responsible for the tragedy in the poem "Lord Ullin's Daughter." Give reason.