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Class:- 11th

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## Lesson:-2 (Snapshot)

### The Address

**Question 1** "Have you come back" said the woman "I thought that no one have come back". Does this statement give some clue about the story? If yes, what is it?

**Answer 1** Yes, these words by Mrs. Dorling to the narrator shows that she least expected such a visit. She had presume that all of them were dead. This leads to the conclusion that the story is set against the tragic circumstances of a war in which families lost their lives and belongings. The statement tells us that the narrator and her family at one time lived in that area and secondly the clue that the war has brought about a lot of destruction. Since Mrs. S had died during the war, Mrs. Dorling did not expect anyone to come back and claim her costly belongings, as she thought no one else know her address. The statement indicates the greedy and possessive nature of Mrs. Dorling. She did not open the door to the daughter of her former acquaintance nor did she show any signs of recognition. She refused to see her than saying it was not convenient for her to do. The narrator had gone to this address with the specific purpose to see her mother's belonging.

Even when she told Mrs. Dorling that only she had come back the woman with a broad back did not soften a bit. Thus, the clash of interest is in hinted at by aforesaid statement.

**Question 2** Why did the narrator of the story want to forget the address?

**Answer 2** The narrator was disappointed and disillusioned when she was not allowed to enter Mrs. Dorling's house during her second visit. She realized the futility of feeling attached to her mother's belongings that were kept so distastefully. She just left without taking anything back and felt like forgetting the address because she would only remember the past.

**Question 3** 'The address' is a story of human predicament that follows war. Comment.

**Answer 3** The war creates many difficult and traumatic situations for human beings. Civilian life faces tremendous upheaval due to war. The human predicament that follows is amply illustrated through the experience of the narrator. The war had caused many physical difficulties as well as emotional sufferings to her. She had lost her dear mother. She went to 46, Marconi Street to see her mother's valuable possessions. Mrs. Dorling was a true opportunist who had used the narrator's mother's belongings on the pretext of storing them for safekeeping. She refuses to recognize the narrator and does not even let her in. The narrator gets another chance to visit the house. The presence of her mother's possessions in a strange atmosphere hurts her. Now these valuable had lost all their importance for her as they had been separated from her mother. She could get no solace or comfort from them. She resolved to forget the address. She wanted to leave the memory of her mother and the war behind. She decided to move on.