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Class:- 11th

Subject- English

Lesson:-1 (Snapshot)

The Summer Of The Beautiful White Horse

Question 1 You will probably agree that this story does not have breathless adventure and exciting action, then what in your opinion makes it interesting?

Answer 1 It is true that though the story "The summer of the beautiful white horse" has neither any breathless adventure nor any exciting action, the story revolves around two poor Armenian boys, Aram and Mourad. It describes their passion for horse riding. Passion for horse riding makes Mourad steal a beautiful white horse. But trust and honesty are the hallmarks of their tribe. They maintained the fame and pride of their family. They returned the horse to its rightful owner. The writer, William Saroyan weaves a simple story into an interesting tale.

Certainly the storyline lacks puffs and punches. But the narrator holds the interest of the readers. He reveals the natural urge of children for fun and adventure. Garoghlanians are poor, but they are proud and honest people. They considered that stealing a horse for riding and fun is not stealing. After all they are not going to sell it. But ultimately the pride and honesty of their tribe overpowered their childish pranks. They decided to return the horse to its rightful owner, John Byro.

Question 2 Did the boys return the horse because they were conscience strikened or because they were afraid?

Answer 2 The boys returned the horse because they were conscience striken and not because they were afraid. Mourad and Aram belonged to the Garoghlanian family which was famous for its integrity and honesty. No member of the tribe could ever be accused of dishonesty. Aram and Mourad dared not to break that glorious tradition. Hence, they overcame their childish passions and pranks. They decided to return the horse to Byro. Yes, they feared to be considered as thieves. They feared lest they should put their tribe to shame by their action.

Question 3 The story revolves around characters who belong to a tribe in Armenia. Mourad and Aram are members of the Garoghlanian family. Prepare a write-up on the Garoghlanian tribe.

Answer 3 The Garoghlanian Tribes

This entire concept of the existence of their tribe is said to be fictitious. It is said to be formed by William Saroyan in his book "My name is Aram"(1940). Garoghlanian Tribes were famous for their honesty. They were proud of their family. Honesty came next and then they believed in right and wrong. None of them would take advantage of anybody in the world. Garoghlanian family could be a thief. Hospitality is also an important function in the Armenian culture. Social gatherings revolve around large amount of food. The religion of most Armenian people is Christianity, which is structured around forgiveness of sins and focuses on the spirit of tolerance.