

St. Mary's Co-Ed School, Harda (M.P.)

English (8)

Unit 2(Emerald earth)-sec(A): Portrait of a prince

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read to understand

section A answer these questions with reference to the context

"what tales those teeth could tell"

1 Whose teeth is being talked about?

Ans The tiger's teeth is being talked about.

2 what does the poet compare the teeth to?

Ans. Poet compare the tiger's teeth to daggers.

3 why would the teeth be able to tell tales?

Ans. Teeth could tell us about the hunting stories of tiger.

B answer these questions

1which three senses of the Tiger does the poet highlight?

Ans. Sense of hearing, seeing and smelling is highlighted in these lines.

2 which line suggest that the tiger is the apex Predator ?

Ans. Take care who is in control or behold the Tigers sovereign style.

3 what does the tiger have control of ?

Ans. The Tiger has control over one's life who is in front of him.

4 what do you think the poet means by saying despite the human race?

Ans. The poet says human beings are a great danger to Tigers in spite of this fact it maintains its Grace and style

Discuss And write

1 Do you think the title of the poem is suitable? why?

Ans. Yes the title of the poem is suitable. it gives us a detailed description of Tiger , its Royal features strength Grace and style which are common in a prince.

2 If someone ask you why we should save the tiger, what will your answer be?

Ans. Because tiger is a carnivorous animal it put control over the speedy growth of herbivores, tigers are also important part of wildlife ecosystem it is also main link of food chain.

Read to appreciate

1 what do you notice about the rhyming words in the poem? can you work out the rhyme scheme?

Ans. In every stanza there are four lines last words of first and third lines are rhyming and also last word of second and fourth line are rhyming so the rhyming scheme will be a b ab.

2 Rhythm is when the arrangement of words creates an audible pattern or beat when read out loud you can keep time with claps or tabs this poem is very rhythmic and follows a bit this is because there are a fixed number of syllables in each line throughout the poem count the number of syllables in each line how many syllables are there can you identify a pattern?

Ans. The poem has Eight syllable lines alternating with 6 syllable lines.

Summary of the poem.

Summary of the poem portrait of a prince by denis martindale We are accustomed to getting frightened by tigers because of their appearances. It is our automatic reaction when we talk about tigers, but the poem entitled Portrait of the Prince by Denis Martindale has a deeper depiction of tigers. It describes not just the physical appearance of a tiger but also its deep characteristic mentally and emotionally. It highlighted the other side of a tiger not just its scary phase but also its heroic side.

The first part of the poem focuses on the detailed physical appearance of a tiger not just mere definition but each trait that a tiger has different important functions as well as symbolisms like this line from the poem "Behold the tiger's face up close, with all its deep-etched lines. Like charcoal ridges by his nose, How clearly each defines. Behold the tiger's ears erect, Aware of all that breathes". It is clear that it is really more on the physical. The second part said a lot about the mental power of a tiger like this line "With mental filters that select the rustling of the leaves." It imparts how intelligent a tiger can be. That it can identify distant facts. The third part concludes how a tiger can be so powerful, it can sense if there is an existing danger. It also said that tigers always win because they are powerful physically, in their mind and soul. It was emphasized with this line on the poem "Behold the tiger's neck so still And poised with regal grace, portraying here the prince's will, despite the human race. Behold the tiger's sovereign style." It tells that a tiger isn't just a scary animal. It is powerful at all aspects and such an example of a hero.

The poem just simply wanted to describe the tiger as model of being a hero. From the title itself, it already says it all. On the last part it even said "Behold the tiger's treachery! Flee from his handsome grin! For in a race, I think you'll see that tigers always win!" It clearly shows how powerful a tiger can be. It can fight for himself and for other animals.

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