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**CLASS IX**  
**ADDITIONAL ENGLISH**  
**LESSON: 2 - KUNWAR SINGH**  
**(JIM CORBETT)**

**NOTES**

**SUMMARY**

In the lesson, '**Kunwar Singh**' written by Jim Corbett, a British hunter, tracker, naturalist and an author who hunted a number of man-eating tigers and leopards in India, the author fondly remembers Kunwar Singh. He describes Kunwar Singh, the headman of Chandni Chowk, as the best shikari in Kaladhungi.

In the lesson, Jim Corbett remembers when Kunwar Singh told him that he was no longer a boy but a grown up since he had got a double-barrelled muzzle loader. Kunwar Singh told Jim the importance of learning to climb trees while hunting by narrating a cautionary story of his friend, Har Singh who was attacked by a tiger since he could not climb trees. Kunwar Singh also helped Jim in developing the mental skills of reading the jungle.

As the story moves on, Jim Corbett had to leave studies. He started work in Bengal and Kunwar Singh had fallen a victim of opium 'the curse of our foothills'. At the later part of the story when Kunwar Singh was at the death's door, Corbett came by and saved his life. He survived for four more years. Corbett made Kunwar Singh promise not to touch opium again. Kunwar Singh kept the oath and died peacefully four years later in his own house and on his own bed.