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Lesson: 8

A Glass of Water (A one-Act-Play)

NOTES:

ABOUT THE DRAMA:

The lesson A glass of water is written in the form of a drama or play. It is different from the stories of the previous lessons in the style and mode of writing. A drama or play is a piece of writing which is artistically presented with dialogues. It provides a live setting where the characters are real and demonstrates the story in a natural way. A drama has some features which are unique like characters, plot, and symbols. It could be comedy, melodrama, Tragicomedy, Dramatic, convention, Monologue, Soliloquy, aside etc. Some imperative aspects of drama include setting, theme, structure dramatic irony and characterization.

SUMMARY:

In this lesson, the stage is set with a thatched hut and a fading melancholic melody suggesting dreariness and poverty. Four characters are there in this play –Nungshi, Thoiba, David and Ali and the story revolves around Nungshi so she is the protagonist or the main character of the play. Nungshi is the sister of Thoiba who leads a hard life so she had take money from their mother. But Thoiba wanted the money back and trick Nungshi in giving the money to him. He left with the money but not before Nungshi who love her brother very much blessed him instead of being angry with him that he may never suffer like her and also gave a two rupee coin to him to buy sweets and have it with his friends. After he left, his two friends David and Ali came to visit Nungshi to enquire for her health. They brought gifts for her too and shared the glass of water Nungshi offered to them without any hesitation. Looking at them she feels such happiness that in spite of belonging to different communities and religions they considered her as their sister and treated her so. Because of their affection and purity of heart she considered them as her kith and kin. After they left, Thoiba too came back feeling sorry for his behavior earlier and returned the money back to her. He also brought some new cloths for her. She feels such happiness that her brother came to realized

her love for him is above everything. She accepted his gifts but told him she will be the happiest sister if he go and meet David's and Ali's Sister Diana and Amina and presented the gifts to them. She told him that society is more important than any of us, me or you. She further advised him to share some drops of water from the glass David and Ali drank and pour some for her too so that they all share some drops of humanism together.

WORD MEANINGS:-

1. Mutual - shared by two or more people equally.
2. Constraint - limitation or restriction.
3. Detain - keep someone back.
4. Purity - the state of being pure.
5. Quench - satisfy thirst by drinking.
6. Communal - shared or done by all members of a community.
7. Harmony - pleasing quality when things are arranged together well.
8. Barrier - something that stops people entering a place or making progress.
9. Cohesion - the fact of holding firmly together..
10. Enlightened - well informed and able to make good judgments.



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