

FOCUS ACADEMY.

Ahmedabad 9099818013 8780038581.

Tuition Classes for primary, 9 to 12, English & Gujarati Medium.

Class -11. Sub-English. Topic- Summary (Snapshot)

❖ CHAP-1 Summary of The Summer of the Beautiful White Horse

The summer of the beautiful white horse summary gives a brief account of the story using easy language. In this story, the author describes a childhood incident. He gets very nostalgic when talking about this incident. The incident is about his cousin Mourad and a beautiful white horse. One fine summer morning, Mourad brings a white horse for riding. Thus, he explains how the horse riding was full of thrill. We learn about the author's cousin, Mourad, in detail. He goes on to tell about his nature and how everyone loved him in the village. We learn that Mourad had a very eccentric demeanour. Moreover, he also tells us that he had a speciality of remaining calm in the most stressful situations. Thus, we also learn about the incident of the horse. Moreover, it tells how they got the horse and the story behind it.

The Summer of the Beautiful White Horse Summary in English

The Summer of the Beautiful White Horse revolves around two Armenian boys. The boys belong to the Garoghlanian tribe. We learn that even though they were poor, they never sacrifice their honesty. In fact, even in the worst of situations, they were always honest.

Similarly, the boys never steal or lie, whatever the situation may be. This story describes the particular incident about the white horse they once got. Aram is 9 years old and his cousin, Mourad is 13 years old. Aram is very fascinated by the world as things are easy in childhood. Moreover, Mourad is the crazy one, as everyone calls him.

The story begins with Mourad visiting Aram's house in the morning at 4. To Aram's surprise, Mourad has brought a beautiful white horse which he is riding. Mourad assures him that it is indeed a horse and he is not dreaming. Aram did not

believe it because he knew that they were poor and wouldn't be able to afford a horse.

Therefore, the two boys kept the horse with them for weeks. They use to ride it and sing to it. However, the boys did not let the world know they have a horse. They were keeping him at a barn of a deserted vineyard. After a while, Aram finds out that Mourad stole the horse from John Byro. Thus, they made a plan of not returning it to him, although they had second doubts about keeping it due to their ethics.

Finally, on one day, John sees the boys with the white beautiful horse. However, as his family was known for their honesty, John did not accuse them of stealing. On the other hand, his belief was so strong he just said that their horse resembles his horse a lot.

Consequently, this was a very poignant experience for the boys. They decide to return the horse and John found it at the vineyard the next day. John gets very happy and shares the news with Aram's mother. We also see that his horse is now healthier, well-behaved and more decent than before.

Conclusion of The Summer of the Beautiful White Horse

To sum up, The Summer of the Beautiful White Horse Summary, we learn the significance and necessity of honesty even in the face of greed and desire.

FOCUS ACADEMY AHMEDABAD -8780038581. 9099818013

❖ CHAP-2 Summary of Ranga's Marriage

Ranga's marriage summary is an interesting take on the story of marriage by Masti Venkatesha Iyengar. In this story, the narrator tells us about a very interesting incident from his life. It is about the village of Hosahali. In that village, there was a boy whose name was Ranga. The special thing about the boy is that he is the first one to go to Bangalore to learn English. Thus, upon returning, the narrator as well as the villagers wishes to see him. They feel that the Ranga would now be changed, but he doesn't go through any changes. The narrator decides to marry off Ranga to a suitable girl. So, we learn about how the marriage arrangement happens and what all takes place in that duration. It is an interesting story about marriage and villager's lives.

Ranga's Marriage Summary in English

Ranga is a boy living in the village of Hoshali in Mysore. He goes to Bangalore to receive English Medium education. Upon returning to the village, all the villagers' flood to his place to notice any change in the boy. However, to their disappointment, Ranga is the same as he was before.

He even greeted everyone with a Namaskar and thus everyone left. The village of Hoshali is a nice village with very good mangoes. Hoshali is a small village which is not even that famous. After the villagers leave Ranga's house, the narrator stays back at his place to talk with him.

Thus, they started talking and the narrator thought it would be a good idea to find a suitable girl for Ranga is not thinking of marriage just yet and wishes to marry to only a mature and admirable girl. Thus, the narrator decides that he will surely get Ranga married. He feels that Ratna would be a perfect match for Ranga. Ratna belongs to a big town and is an expert in playing musical instruments like veena and harmonium.

FOCUS ACADEMY AHMEDABAD 8780038581. 9099818013

Thus, he decides to call Ratna deliberately when Ranga was visiting. Upon seeing Ratna, she mesmerizes Ranga. However, the narrator plays a game and lies to Ranga that she is married. This disappoints Ranga as he starts liking her. As per the narrator's plan, he takes Ranga to an astrologer.

Ranga has already made arrangements with astrologer and everything was pre-planned. So, the astrologer asks questions to Ranga which helps him admit the fact that he likes Ratna. The problem of her marriage was at the head. Nonetheless, the astrologer tells Ranga that he is in love with a girl whose name resembles Ratna. Upon hearing this, Ranga gets very happy, but sad again because she is not available.

Thus, upon confirmation that Ranga loves Ratna, he decides to set up their marriage. The narrator goes to Ratna's house to ask her hand in marriage for Ranga. Finally, the story fast forwards to ten years later. Ranga is visiting the narrator to his son's third birthday. We learn that Ranga and Ratna got married and Ranga named their son after the narrator, who made the marriage happen.

Conclusion of Ranga's Marriage

To sum up, Ranga's Marriage Summary, we learn about the beauty of a quaint village and its customs and traditions, plus it highlights the struggle to reserve our culture against westernization.

❖ CHAP-3 Summary of Mother's Day

Mother's Day Summary – Mother's day is a play by J. B. Priestley. It is a satirical and humorous depiction of the status of the women, in particular, a housewife in a family. Moreover, a housewife dedicates all her time in the service of her family but her family takes her service for granted and never take notice of her needs. The family never acknowledge her services or thank her for all that she does for them. Everyone neglects her and this issue is prominent and relevant today. Many houses out there sulk and suffer in silence. Also, the issue the play raises is genuine the issue can't be set by mere changes of the personality of husbands, sons, and daughters. In order to give wives the praise, they deserve the family needs to give them the desired attention.

Mother's Day Summary in English

The chapter portrays the practical experience of a mother, Mrs Pearson. On a daily basis, her kids disrespect and disregard her. In her own home, she was treated as a slave. Thus, she fell a lot of ignorance and embarrassment every day not only from her Daughter Doris and son Cyril but also from her husband George Pearson who has completely turned a blind eye from his wife.

Mrs Pearson life turns when she meets Mrs Fitzgerald, a fortune teller, and discusses her family members and their terrible behaviour. She tells Mrs Fitzgerald everything about her family behaviour. Moreover, Mrs Fitzgerald (strong and sinister personality) recommends her to exchange personalities. So as to teach her family a good lesson. At first, Mrs Pearson didn't agree but after some encouragement, she agrees to switch bodies.

After that, Mrs Fitzgerald casts a spell and swaps her personality with Mrs Pearson. In a matter of seconds, their personality switch and Mrs Pearson who was calm and composed is now smoking and drinking. And Mrs Fitzgerald is now sitting idle.

The scene changes, and now Mrs Pearson is in her home and Doris enters home. She hands her a dress and asks her to iron as she has to go on a date with her boyfriend Charlie Spence. Also, she even objects her mother's smoking. And

when she asks her, Mrs Pearson replies very harshly and advise her to do her work herself. Further, she makes fun of her boyfriend. Afterwards, Doris feels miserable and shamed and starts crying when her mother insults and rebuke her.

After this, her son Cyril enters, asks his mother hurriedly if his tea is ready. On which Mrs Pearson refuses and advises him to prepare it himself. After seeing her mother reaction and her sister crying he raises his voice. Also, calls Mrs Fitzgerald an old hag on which Mrs Pearson instructs him to mind his language.

When the kids talk about being worn-out after work. She makes it very clear to both of them that they all will work equally from that day onwards. And she will not work at weekends and enjoy with her friends.

At that point, Mr Pearson enters the house and expresses his surprise on seeing her wife drinking and smoking. He objects Mrs Pearson makes him realise that if he can drink then she can too. Further, he tells him that instead of spending his time with her wife he is spending time with people who are making fun of him behind his back.

FOCUS ACADEMY AHMEDABAD 8780038581 9099818013

Mrs Pearson on seeing her family insult asks Mrs Fitzgerald to stop all this. However, she doesn't let her speak until she teaches all of them a good lesson of respecting and honouring their mother. Soon after they switch personality again. And after that, the son, daughter, and husband learn their lesson and start supporting their mother and wife.

Conclusion of Mother's Day Summary

Through the Mother's Day summary, the writer wants to say that we all should respect, care, and help our mother for all the hardship she does for us.

❖ CHAP-4 Summary of the Tale of Melon City

The Tale of Melon City Summary – It is a poem by Vikram Seth in which he mocks any government system. These tails age-old customs or being proud of beliefs and traditions too simple. Moreover, through the melon city, the poet represents any nation whose policies are on the basis of superstitions and old age beliefs. However, the king in the poem is peace-loving, but soon we find out how

hollow/ironic that claim is. Further, the king wants to establish peace by eliminating anyone who committed a trifle of mistake. And we can easily get this by his order of execution of innocent people. By watching how criminals escape the law and also how people benefit from the nation's policy.

The Tale of Melon City Summary in English

Vikram Seth through this poem, satire on people in power. He has amusingly presented the idea that it does not matter to people who king, ruler or head of state is with the understanding that he let them live in peace, liberty, and leniently.

Long ago, there was a city that people call Melon City. Where a peace-loving and just king rule. The king announces the construction of an arch across the street for the enlightenment of people. After the arch was complete the king pass below it and his crown fell down. Moreover, he became angry and wanted to punish the chief builder for making the arch so low by hanging them.

FOCUS ACADEMY AHMEDABAD 8780038581 9099818013

So, they set up the gallows and the soldiers bring in the builder for hanging. Builder fell on his knees and plead for mercy. Further, he said it was workmen's fault. So, the king pardons the builder and order hanging of workmen. The minute workmen to be hanged, they plead the king and said that it was masons fault because he supplies wrong size brick.

The mason said it was architects fault. In this way, everyone passes the blame to someone else. However, the architect said it was the king who made modifications in the plan.

As whom should be hanged become very tricky and the king was very confused. Hence, he calls the wisest man of the kingdom. Subsequently, a man who was on his death bed was taken to the king. The wise man advice the king to hang the arch as it was the criminal. Consequently, a huge gallows were set up to hang the arch. But, the councillor said that we cannot hang the arch as it has become pure by touching the kings head.

By this moment the crowd became restless and impatient for a hanging. By fear of rebellion, the king ordered the instant hanging of anyone to soothe the crowd.

Hence, everyone who was present tries to fit the high set noose But only the king fitted it perfectly. And as per his order executioner hanged him.

In addition, the city had a bizarre custom of electing a new king. The custom was that anyone who passes through the streets the next day will choose the king. Hence, the next morning, when the guard asks a passer-by who must be the king, he replied, "Melon." Because the pedestrian was an idiot whose answers all the questions with just one word "Melon."

Therefore, they crown the melon as their king. And from that day onwards, they pronounce the city as "Melon City." And the locals tell this story to anyone who asks them the reason behind the name of the city.

Conclusion of the Tale of Melon City Summary

Through this poem, the poet serves the message that the rule of the monarchy is effective or not.

❖ CHAP-5 Summary of The Address

The Address summary will help you learn easily about the story written by Margo Minco. It gives an account of the chaos which follows war. We see what it does to humans and their behaviour. You can feel the pain, grief and mental torture the survivors of war have to go through. It is about the author's story, who is a Jew and returns to her native home post-war. After suffering many losses, she even loses her mother. Further, it is about how she handles the world alone after going through so much pain. Moreover, we learn about the world's cruelty towards the oppressed. Upon suffering from further oppression, she realizes a lesson in a tough way. She comes to realize that nothing is kept in materialistic things and she gives everything up. Thus, it shows us about human pain and self-actualization.

The Address Summary in English

The Address begins with a victim of war going back to her native place. It is about a daughter who returns to her home in Holland. She goes there to search for her mother's belongings after the war. When she reaches her native place, she does not receive a warm welcome. She follows the address she has on her. It is House Number 46 in Marconi Street. A woman opens the door and refuses to recognize the girl on the door. The author notices the woman wearing her mother's green

knitted sweater. Thus, she became even surer that she was in the right place. However, the woman did not deny not knowing her mother.

Despite the author's resistance, the woman did not entertain her and close the door on her. The author was going back when she starts thinking about the bygone days. She got the address from her mother years ago. After returning to her home post-war, she notices a lot of things missing from the place. Thus, her mother gives her an address of Mrs Dorling. She learns that Mrs. Dorling is an old acquaintance of her mother. Thus, her mother handed over all their valuable possessions to Mrs. Dorling to keep them safe. Thus, after many years, the author thinks of going back to take them possessions. Thus, after being told to go away by Mrs. Dorling on her visit, she goes back once again. On her second visit, fifteen-year-old answers the door.

We learn that the mother was not at home. The author told her about her wish to meet her mother. The girl takes her in the house. To the author's surprise, she notices the room full of things her mother possessed. The room was not similar but the things were all very familiar. She started to feel so uncomfortable; she now had no desire to possess her mother's belongings. Thus, she leaves the home and thought of forgetting the address and the thought of ever getting those things back.

Conclusion of The Address

To sum up, The Address Summary, we learn the intricate emotions of humans like trust, hope and betrayal as well as the ill-effects of war.

❖ CHAP-6 Summary of Albert Einstein at School

Albert Einstein at School Summary will help you learn about the chapter in detail easily. It is an extract from The Young Einstein. Patrick Pringle is the author of this book. We learn through this extract about the troubles Albert Einstein was facing when he was in school. We see that he did not like school that much. It is essentially about how Albert defied the traditional methods of teachings. Moreover, he always felt like he did not fit in. Further, we also get to know about the teachers not liking him either. It was because he questioned things and raised valid points. Thus, we will learn about a never heard before the aspect of the genius physicist's childhood. We see how the greatest mind also had to face struggles concerning their intelligence.

Albert Einstein at School Summary in English

In this story, we learn about the father of modern physics. Albert Einstein is known all over for his valuable contributions to physics and the theory of relativity. However, this story brings forth his school days which were not that pleasant. Naturally, everyone must think that such a genius mind would have excelled at school. But, it wasn't so when he was in school.

The story begins with young Albert being in his History class. The teacher asks him about a certain date to which Albert admits that it is pointless to memorise dates. He was of the thinking that he can flip through the pages whenever he wants to know the date about something. Thus, he did not believe in mugging up facts.

Consequently, we learn that Albert does not like school as it adopts traditional methods of teaching. He dislikes the conventional forms of education. Similarly, the teachers also don't have much liking to him. They consider him a disgrace and the History teacher especially did not like him. When this incident happens in History class, the teacher gets irritated and asks him to leave.

Einstein did not like his home too as he was not comfortable there. In fact, Einstein did not like school to an extent that he thought of never passing the exams to get the school diploma. As he likes Science, he wishes he could study just this subject only. Moreover, he does not understand the reason why he needs to study other subjects where his interest does not lie.

After that, they sent him to Munich and the story repeated there too. Albert did not take any interest there and was only wasting his father's money. He now has an epiphany of giving up a school together so he asks his friend, Yuri, to arrange for a doctor. He plans to ask the doctor to write him off as a lunatic, not fit for the school. Upon meeting with the doctor, Albert confesses his love for mathematics. After that, the headmaster calls him and reveals shocking news to him.

He tells Albert that due to his behaviour, they are asking him to leave school. They feel that his behaviour disturbs the environment for studying. It was surprising for Albert as he was ready to present the medical report but before that only the school rusticated him. Thus, he leaves the school without even looking back and only meets Yuri who bids him farewell and wishes him luck for his future.

Conclusion of Albert Einstein at School

To sum up, Albert Einstein at School summary, we learn even the most genius minds did not have an easy life and it is the struggle that makes us what we are.

❖ CHAP-7 Summary of Birth

Birth Summary – Starts with Andrew Manson, recently out of medical school who had an argument with her girlfriend. Also, his mood was very low while returning home. At home, he saw Joe Morgan who was persistently waiting for him. As her wife was expecting the birth of his first child after twenty years of marriage. Hence, a doctor was therefore necessary for the delivery. On reaching Joe's house he discovers her wife in labour pain. And all the member were eagerly waiting for the birth. However, Mrs Morgan was under anaesthesia, and at the break of dawn, a lifeless child was born. The child was pale and look like had witnessed suffocation. Therefore, Manson instantly recalls a similar case in medical school. So he started working on the child as family happiness depends on it. After half an hour of hard work, he manages to save the child.

Birth Summary in English

The story is an extract from The Citadel. Moreover, it narrates how a medical fresher handles a case of child delivery. Also, in a secretive way, he gets back living in an apparently dead child. He applies all his medical knowledge and instincts for doing so. Further, the story states the excitement of the doctor and his team.

At the start, the story describes how Andrew Manson recently out from medical school, was returning home after a quarrel with her girlfriend, Christine. On reaching home, he finds Joe Morgan waiting for him to attend to his wife. Despite the night he agrees to attend her as she was expecting her first child in 20 years.

At Joe's house, he saw midwife attending the lady who was very serious. Andrew sees Mrs Morgan and took a pause as he could understand that it would take some time. While sitting his mind starts to wander in the thoughts of other people. Like Barnwell who foolishly devoted all his life to a woman who betrayed him. In addition, he remembers Edward page who married an ill-nature Bowden and was now living unhappily, separately from his wife. Meanwhile, Andrew had to go back to attend the patient.

After an hour-long and harsh struggle a child was born towards the dawn but it was lifeless. On seeing the child Andrew shook with horror. Subsequently, he looks to the mother who needs immediate attention. So, Andrew has to choose whom to attend: the mother or the child.

He gave the child to nurse and attend the mother first who was unconscious. Steadily, her heartbeat strengthens and Andrew could now attend the baby. Afterwards, Andrew inquired the midwife about the child whom she had put it under the bed among the soaked newspaper. So, Andrew pulls out the child who was perfectly formed. He couldn't recognise that it's a case of asphyxia due to lack of oxygen and excess of carbon dioxide in the blood. Moreover, he did not lose heart and starts to give the necessary treatment to the child. However, the midwife told him again and again that it is stillborn but he didn't listen. Also, he continues his treatment.

Near the conclusion, a wonder occurred, he rubbed the child with a towel crushed and relaxed the little chest with both his hands. He tries to fill breath into the limp body. After some time, the little chest gave a short difficult motion and the child starts turning around.

Eventually, Andrew flung a sigh of relief and handed the child to the nurse. Afterwards, he stated the whole story to Joe who was standing outside and walked down the street. He has a sense of deep satisfaction that he could achieve something great.

Conclusion of Birth Summary

Through birth summary, the writer highlights the efforts of doctors and wants to say that we should keep on trying.

❖ CHAP-8 Summary of the Ghat of the Only World

The Ghat of the Only World is by the author Amitav Ghosh. The Ghat of the Only World summary deals with the fulfilment of a promise by a friend. It is a tribute to the Kashmiri poet Agha Shahid Ali. Shahid made the author promise to write about him after death overtakes him. Furthermore, this was before Shahid suffered from a brain tumour and ultimately succumbed to it. It is a story about friendship and commitment. Moreover, the author fulfils his promise he made to his friend who is no longer alive. The lesson focuses on Shahid, what were his likes and what was his way of living life. This was like a celebration even his

diagnosis. The Ghat of the Only World discusses Shahid's love for Kashmir. It also talks about his interest in music, food, literature, and art. The author also discusses his views on life.

The Ghat of the Only World Summary in English

Shahid Ali was a friend of the author. Furthermore, he was a poet by profession. Shahid was a talented poet who gave liberty to life to embrace death with his amazing choice of words. Furthermore, Shahid was well aware that the time he had at hand was not much. Ali gave a nostalgia experience to the author Amitav Ghosh with his treasure-trove of enormous life force.

His words reveal the political problems during his stay in Kashmir. The period of friendship between the author and Shahid was short. However, even in this short period, Shahid left some skilful brushstrokes of a Kashmir that was different. Furthermore, Shahid was a firm believer in the separation of religion and politics. Moreover, Shahid set apart all the negativities that had made this beautiful region into a lost paradise.

Shahid had a wish he made to his parents in his childhood. This wish was his desire to have a small Hindu temple in his room. Shahid was not pharisaic. Gradually with time, his mother brought idols and other trappings. Furthermore, the innermost part of his house became a holy temple. Consequently, the house became a religious confluence of both Islam and Hinduism.

Shahid had a great love for food. He was able to enjoy food even during the last stage of cancer. Shahid had an interest in talking about food even during this last stage of cancer. Shahid was always present at a party that was around him. One cannot say whether that was to enjoy food or to please his companions.

Shahid didn't take cancer seriously. For him, it was nothing more than a joke. There was never acceptance of defeat from Shahid to cancer. Even to the very end, Shahid was a lively man. There was a display of his interest in laughter, food, and poetry even in the last stage of his disease. Furthermore, his celebration of life was such that anyone would think that he was defeating death every day. However, in spite of such liveliness, the fact was that he was nearing his death. His words were really moving when he could see no more.

The author Amitav Ghosh certainly kept his promise. He threw light on the painful and sweet memories with a display of his writing skill. The way of writing was

Focus Academy Ahmedabad -8780038581

such that the pain was hidden even from the author. Agha Shahid Ali was everything which the author lost and the Ghat of the Only World is an attempt to reincarnate him.

Conclusion of the Ghat of the Only World

The Ghat of the only World summary shows the commitment of a man towards his friend who had exceptional admirable qualities of being loving, secular, and lively.