

MCB

STD-VIII

SUBJECT : ENGLISH
CHAPTER NUMBER:6
PERIOD NUMBER : 1
CHAPTER NAME :ON QUITTING

CHANGING YOUR TOMORROW

EXPECTED LEARNING OUTCOMES

GENERAL OBJECTIVES

- Recitation of the poem
- Being acquainted with poem and poet's biography
- Understanding the idea
- Appreciate the language of the poem
- Developing LSRW Skills

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES/ EXTENDED OBJECTIVES

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INTRODUCTION TO THE POET



Edgar Albert Guest (20 August 1881 – 5 August 1959) was a British-born American poet who became known as the People's Poet. His poems often had an inspirational and optimistic view of everyday life. Guest was born in Birmingham, England in 1881. In 1891, his family moved from England to Detroit, Michigan, where Guest lived until he died. For 40 years, Guest was widely read throughout North America, and his sentimental, optimistic poems were in the same vein as the light verse of Nick Kenny, who wrote syndicated columns during the same decades.

Born: 20 August 1881, Birmingham, United Kingdom
Died: 5 August 1959, Detroit, Michigan, United States
Nationality: British Genres: Poetry, inspirational, motivational.

THEME OF THE POEM

- "In the short poem "On Quitting" by Edgar Albert Guest the theme is about how being able to quit something you really love or are passionate about can be really tough. The speaker says how much courage and strength of character it takes to do that. The speaker is someone that has been through a situation where they were commanded or had to quit something that made him or her happy. The poem also challenges the readers by saying that they do not know what courage, grit, really is until they have been through a similar situation where they had to quit something they loved. That is said at the last stanza of the poem which helps summarize the theme. In my opinion this poem was written to challenge and make readers think about what courage really is and how hard it can be. The audience of this poem can be anyone who can relate to it and has been through that or anyone in general.
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uH2N679wwz0>



EXPLANATION

The poet vividly discusses the important points required to be courageous enough to face the world, be passionate about our goals and ambitions. It is said, 'Quitters don't win and the winners don't quit. The poet also prioritizes the importance of self-discipline and love the art of enjoying courage and love to obey the mind. In the face of so many difficulties and tough weather, courage stands out and adventurous grit entangles us in the mouth of helplessness.

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STANZA-1

- How much grit----- you now possess
- The open challenge to the reader is to quit something that they like and love with intense preference. It depends on courage to face these challenges and leave that.
- Rhyming scheme-
aabbcc
- Rhyming words-
got-lot
word-heard
guess-possess

Vocabulary-

grit-courage and resolve
pluck-spirited and determined

STANZA-2

You may stand to trouble and keep your grin-----

Those rigid orders have you obeyed.....

Self-discipline has to be tackled and practiced by the readers. They have to command their conscience to quit the habits that they like to do. This attitude has to be ingrained in the readers to be courageous enough to not to be infatuated by the temptations and help be courageous.

Rhyming words---

grin-discipline

you-do

swayed-obeyed

Rhyming scheme—aabbcc

Vocabulary---

tackled—to face/deal with

swayed—move/swing

STANZA-3

Don't boast of your grit till you've tried it out-----

is the stuff you need when you are all alone

Boastfulness is the driver of crisis as it is said 'pride goes before fall.' We must not take others as inferior as all are unique in their own way. Though it is easy to win but in the fiercest fight it will be herculean to put up a brave face and continue fighting. Loneliness is also a weapon to resign to happiness and satisfaction. The poet amplifies that retaining courage at the time of being lonely also requires patience and tenacity.

Rhyming words....

out-stout

grin-win

own-alone

Rhyming scheme---aabbcc

Vocabulary—

stout-strong and thick

prate-talk foolishly

HOMEWORK----

Locate poetic devices, rhyming scheme, 1 page handwriting

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