

Chapter-16
My only cry
Worksheet

Q1) Read the stanzas and answer the following questions:

Who are you deceiving?
You ask me to speak to children,
but I shall also address you, the grown-ups.
I am still a child, I don't know how to lie like you.
All the children of the world, oh adults of the world,
Could not rebuild what you destroy.
A better world won't be able to be rebuilt
without you, the adults.

- Who is the Poet of the poem?
- What does this poem mainly talk about?
- Why are adults said to be deceiving?
- "All the children of the world, oh adults of the world,
- Could not rebuild what you destroy."What are the adults destroying?Explain.

Q2) Read the stanzas and answer the following questions:

So, in your name, we children,
we ask them:
"Close your arms factories
and think about taming the winds."

- What is the poet's only cry to the adults?
- Why can't the poet lie?
- Why are peace and fellowship more important to adults than children?

Q3) Read the stanzas and answer the following questions:

Right-wing politics matter little to us,
we are children.
Left-wing politics matter little to us.
Our life is essentially affection
But, through your fault,
a veil of dust lies over it.

- Why is politics of no importance for children?
- "But, through your fault, a veil of dust lies over it." What is the fault committed by
- What are the poet's blames on adults?What does right-wing politics mean?

Q4) "A better world won't be able to be rebuilt, Without you, The Adults", what does the poet mean by this?

Q5) Why does the child want to speak to grown-ups about the arms factories? Who are the adults deceiving? Why does the child feel helpless? Write your answer in about 50-80 words.

Q6) Why does the child want the adults to talk of peace and fellowship?

Q7) Political Policies are followed by a conservative political party. What are the two values which the child expects the adult to know better?

Q8) Do the adults not know the dangers of building and collecting huge amounts of arms and ammunition? Do they not know that these weapons can destroy the world in which their children will live tomorrow? Write your answer in about 80-100 words.

Q9) "The child knows the truth and tells the truth, whereas the adults know the truth but hide it with their lies." Comment on the statement using your own personal experiences.

Q10) Write a formal letter to the prime minister of India congratulating him for some initiatives in the educational field that the government of India has taken recently.