

Chapter- 19

Reading with understanding

Summary 1

- On a stormy an elderly couple came to a small hotel in Philadelphia, the hotel was full and the couple could not get a room. The clerk offered his room to the couple. Complimenting the clerk, the elderly man said he should be working in the best hotel in United States. Few years later, the old man sent a letter to the clerk with a round trip ticket to New York. The old man had built a grand hotel in New York. The older man's name was William Waldorf-Aster, and that magnificent structure was the original Waldorf-Astoria Hotel.

Important points from the text:

- This anecdote is about Geroge C. Boldt, a young clerk who never expected to become the manager of one of the world's most magnificent hotels.
- On a stormy and rainy night in Philadelphia, an old man and his wife approached the lobby of a tiny hotel, trying to find some shelter for the night. Bolt had no idea who they were and informed them that all the hotel rooms were taken, but he didn't want to send the elderly couple out in the rain, so he asked them if they could sleep in his room for the night, to which the pair reluctantly agreed.
- The next morning, the elderly man told Bolt that he would one day be the owner of the greatest hotel in the United States, and that he would be the one to build it for him. Bolt had entirely forgotten about the encounter until he received a letter from the same old man inviting him to see him after two years.
- The old man met him in New York and led him to the junction of Fifth Avenue and 34th Street, where he showed him a new building and informed him that he had finally built a hotel for him. Bolt couldn't believe it and was overjoyed; since then, Geroge C. Boldt has established the gold standard for hospitality. The elder man's name was William Waldorf-Aster, and he constructed for Bolt a magnificent hotel called the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel.

Important words from the passage:

- Stormy: rainy
- Clerk: office worker, administrator
- Exceptional: extraordinary/ uncommon
- Magnificent: impressive/ spectacular
- Glamorous: beautiful/ attractive

Evaluate yourself:

1. What have you learnt from the lesson?
2. The clerk was friendly, efficient and friendly. Do you agree with the statement?
3. Choose a suitable title for the lesson.
4. If you had been in Bolt's place, what would you have done?

Summary 2

- Nehru in this section discusses how our country is made up of many different areas and people. He considers a journey with children to be an adventure of discovery. He wishes to be in touch with nature. People who carry firearms and kill animals, he feels, are stupid. Nehru expresses that when we meet other people in a nice manner, they become warm and friendly in return.

Important points in the text:

- In the essay Nehru imparts that our country is a little world with innumerable places and diversities to discover. He wished that if he had more time then he would have travelled all the remote areas of the country.
- He expressed the desire to travel in the company of children whose minds are full of wonder and curiosity. He would like to take them to the mountains, forests, great rivers and old monuments because these places tell us about India's glorious history.
- He believed that such a trip with children would be a voyage of discovery and would bring life and colour to our lives. He wanted to be close to nature and befriend the beautiful birds. He fancied about going to forests and seeing the wild animals.
- He believed that people who carry guns and kill animals are foolish. Animals are intelligent and have keener instincts than man. If a man goes to them with murder in his heart, they run away but if a man approaches animals with love then they do not get afraid of him.
- If you are full of fear yourself, then animals are afraid too and they might attack in self defence. A fearless person is rarely attacked, hence Nehru conveyed that if we meet other people in a friendly manner, they also become affectionate and affable. But if we meet somebody with hatred in our hearts then the other individual also behaves in the same manner.

Important words from the text:

Wonderful: delightful/ marvellous

Infinite: unlimited/ without end

Nooks and corners: hole/ hideaways

Curiosity: spirit of inquiry

Amusing : entertaining/ funny

Flourish : grow/prosper

Evaluate yourself.

1. Why would Nehru like to go in the company of bright young children?
2. If we have love in our hearts what do wild animals do.
3. After visiting monuments we learn something more about our history. How many monuments have you visited till now? Name a few.
4. People who kill animals are foolish. Do you agree? Give your opinion in about 30-40 words.

Do you know?

Reading allows us to be transported from our own world to another. Between the pages of a book, we can become immersed in the lives of fictional characters and learn about a culture entirely different from our own. Reading helps us to develop empathy, build stronger relationships, improve our literary and vocabulary skills. Regular and consistent reading improves our concentration abilities.

Extend your horizon.

How to make notes in a chapter?

- During a lesson, begin your notes with a single bullet point and write the main topic.
- Cover every piece of content that could be asked in an exam
- Have a solid structure for your notes that makes sense
- Include examples in your notes. Examples help your understanding of an idea.
- Write notes in your own words
- Sometimes, information just works better when it's visual and as a bonus, it's usually a lot quicker to include a diagram/chart/table/graph than to actually write out a whole explanation.
- Place the first subtopic below and indented slightly to the right.
- Skim the chapter for heading, subheadings, and terms in bold.