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Dream a World unit 6

Q 2. Do you think such a world is possible? If not, why not?

Answer:

In my point of view, the world that the poet describes in this poem can never ever be possible to witness. There are a number of reasons to support my thought. If I move stanza by stanza then in the first two, the poet dreamt to have a land that is in full swing of enjoying love and peace all around and where no man intrudes into the life of another.

Such type of world remains a dream because the people of the world 2nd year English notes | Glory and Hopewe are living in are getting too much greedy and materialistic that everyone wants to have the luxuries of life. From need fulfillment, the world is treading on the path of luxury enjoyment. People are making plans for how to make the life of others miserable either snatching their things or lives. Love to oneself is getting more popular as compared to love for others or mankind. No one in this world has Freedom in its true sense nor would we be having in future because of materialistic lust and power mania. In the third and fourth stanza, the world the poet visualized can never exist because it is predicted that if a third world war broke out, it would be for the water, one of the basic natural resources. Poverty and wretchedness of the people are the topmost thought-provoking issues of this world. People are into fight and war not only on the basis of caste, colour or creed but on the basis of the difference of opinion, sects, ideology, resources, and power.

I want to conclude by saying that the world we are living in is thirsty for brotherhood, love, and peace and has a hunger for modesty, equality, and humanity but none of us are trying to feed our planet Earth with anyone of its desires.

Writing

Q 3. Now that you have understood the poem, write a paraphrase/explanation of the poem in your own words.

Answer:

The basic theme of the poem is the existence of such a world where every individual has the right to feel joy and comfort, enjoy natural resources, experience freedom, peace and love without the thought of greed, lust, destruction, poverty, desolation, and deprivation.

Stanza 1:

In this stanza, the poet is sharing his dream about a world where every individual respects every other individual by heart and soul. No person ever tries to intrude into the personal affairs of his neighbour, friends or relatives. People would live a cozy life in complete harmony wearing the warm blanket of love and peace. The earth turns into a valley of love where peace makes its way to reach and knock at the door of every individual to be delighted and feel comfort. .

Stanza 2:

In this stanza, the poet is again giving stress on his demand of having his dream world where every one of us rejoices the freedom of talk, walk, thought and action. People do not involve themselves in such activities such as greediness, bribery, envy, massacre, killing etc which are the prime sources of creating chaos and disturbance in one's life and have a direct or indirect influence on a person's social, moral and psychological well-being. The above-mentioned activities also darken one's soul and blacken one's heart to such an extent that nothing comes in his way to achieve his vicious objectives.

Stanza 3:

The third stanza is devoted to one of the major problems of this world that every one of us is residing in a self-created prison where every individual is a slave of one or other kind of discrimination like of colour, caste, nationality, language or religion. The poet wants to own a world where no such form of discrimination exists and every person has complete right and authority to make use of Allah's blessings freely and blissfully.

Stanza 4:

In the last stanza, the poet puts forward a demand from poverty and despair to hang them in front of the judge of joy and on the altar of peace so everyone can have a life bursting with joy, serenity, love, honesty, and compassion. He considers joy like a pearl because of its worth and purity. He dreams such a world not only for himself but for the benefit of the whole human race.

Q 4. Incidentally, all three writers in this unit, Dr King, Nelson Mandela, Langston Hughes, are Black. And you must have noted that they have used very forceful language to communicate their message to the people. Write an essay about the circumstances that led them to be so passionate, so vocal and so forceful? Who do you think is more forceful and why? You will need to do some research to answer this question. Internet is a great source of such information.

Answer:

The intense oppression and racial discrimination which the black people of the world observed and felt in the past till today; is just like a string, the more you compress it, the more it extends itself with full force to regain its initial shape.

The circumstances which compel Dr. King, Nelson Mandela, and Langston Hughes to raise their voices were all the same as they were the true activists for the rights, freedom, equality, and brotherhood of black people. They survived not for themselves but for the sake of freedom of their people.