

NCERT Solutions for Class 11 English Snapshots Chapter 2 The Address

Question 1.

'Have you come back?' said the woman. 'I thought that no one had come back.' Does this statement give some clue about the story? If yes, what is it?

Answer:

Yes, the above said statement in question gives us a clue about the story. It clearly proves that the lady, whom the young girl had paid a visit, knew her already and didn't want to meet her.

Question 2.

The story is divided into pre-war and post-war times. What hardships do you think the girl underwent during these times?

Answer:

The girl suffered severely. She was severed from every precious household things, house, even her relations during the period. The story tells clearly, earlier she was a happy soul but during post-war period, she was a lost soul living in a rented room in very miserable condition.

Question 3.

Why did the narrator of the story want to forget the address?

Answer:

The narrator of the story is a young girl, a victim of war. The war had left her a desolate soul. But the narrator appears to be a very optimistic sort of girl. After paying a tributary visit to see her long served household articles, she decided to forget everything about her past even the address as she wanted to start a fresh. Everything linked with her past had lost its value to her.

Question 4.

'The Address' is a story of human predicament that follows war.' Comment.

Answer:

Yes, it's quite aptly said that 'The Address' is a poignant story of human predicament that follows war. The story seems to discuss about the loss of a little girl after war in Holland. The protagonist was Mrs S's daughter leading a very happy and peaceful life with her family luring pre-war time.

She had almost all the luxuries and decorations at her home, large vases, silver cutlery, antique plates, crockery, Hanakkah candle-holder, pewter plates, white pot with a gold border on the lid. So to say, the girl had nothing to complain.

Then the fatal war broke out and mysterious old acquaintance appeared from nowhere named Mrs Dorling living at Marconi Street No. 46. She 'helped' the protagonist's mother to keep safe their household possessions. She took away all their household goods to her own home and never looked back. The losses for the poor girl also never hesitated to befall on her.

War created havoc to her not only material life but also in her emotional life. She lost her all the relations, home everything else having relation with her happy past life. When she paid a visit to have a look at her old possessions, she felt like a lost soul. She felt so heavy-hearted, that she left the place, never to return. War made her so severed that she resolved to erase the address from her memory.

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