

UNIT - 1 Glimpses of Greatness

Let's begin

1. 'Some are born great; some achieve greatness; some have greatness thrust upon them.' - William Shakespeare (Twelfth Night).
Is greatness an innate trait? Is it acquired by the successful or thrust upon them? Discuss.

Ans) This statement is somewhat true for the society where Shakespeare lived. Because it was a period of inheritance. In that period people were born great because they were born as the son of a King or Lord. In our present day life success can be achieved through hardwork. If you work hard, success is yours. Many examples are there in the field of arts, sports, business, administration, politics, etc.

2. What qualities make people great? Discuss and write them down.

Ans) Greatness

- Hard work
- Conviction
- Creative thinking
- Determination
- Confidence
- Perseverance
- Initiative

3. Now, look at the picture given in page no. 8.

- What thoughts and feelings does it evoke in you?

Ans) The boy seems to be suffering from stage fright. The teacher seems to be suppressing the boy to give his speech.

- Give a suitable caption to the picture.

Ans) First step of a public speaker.

- Have you had a similar experience? Write it.

Ans) This is almost everybody's experience. When I asked to make a speech before the school assembly for the first time I felt I was giddy, words did not come. But the H.M speaks very well. But later I practiced with the help of my teacher and my mother and now I can face audience confidently.

ABE'S FIRST SPEECH

1) What made little Abe stand on the dry goods box and deliver the speech?

Ans) The political speaker stood on a tree stump and made his speech. So Abe stood on the dry goods box and delivered his speech. He wanted to reply the stump speaker.

2) Do you think good dress, appearance, position in society, etc., are needed to present yourself before the public for a speech?

Ans) Normally good dress, appearance, position in society, etc. are needed to present ourselves before the public for a speech. In the case of little Abe, it was the remarkable quality of his speech that attracted the gathering.

3) What is the role of Dennis in bringing out the best in young Abe?

Ans) It was Dennis who asked Abe to speak. He encouraged him. Dennis knew Abe's ability and being a good friend, he wished that Abe should speak and impress the audience.

4) Do you think that everybody has some potential in them?

Ans) Every person has some potential in them. Some come forward to show their talents while others do not dare to show them before others.

Reasons

- Lack of opportunity
- Lack of confidence
- Lack of encouragement
- Fear of failure, shame
- Inferiority feeling.

I - HIS FIRST FLIGHT

- Characters :- Young seagull, Mother seagull, Father, Two brothers, one sister
- Name of the :- Liam O'Flaherty
Author
- Setting :- The story happens on a Ledges ~~on~~ in the sea
- Problem :- The young seagull became afraid. He failed to do courage to ~~fly~~ fly.
- Plot/main events :- The seagull lived on a ledge with his family. When the young seagull had grown enough to take their first flight, their parents encouraged them to fly. He tried many times to fly but he did not have the confidence for an attempt. His parents tried to motivate him, but in vain.