

A Simple Support
to First Bell

Std. 10 English Class 40 (9-12-2020)

The Scholarship Jacket 1

Main points (1 to 4 paragraphs)

- Marta Salinas studied in a small Texas School
- In Texas schools, there was a tradition : a beautiful gold and green Jacket will be awarded to bright students during 8th grade passing.
- Marta's eldest sister Rosie had won the jacket
- Marta also wished to get it
- Marta's parents were very poor.
- Her grandparents brought her up
- Marta could not participate in sports because they could not buy sports dress and pay fees.
- Marta was very thin. She had nicknames like "beanpole and string bean".

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Profile of the author :



Marta Salinas

Marta Salinas was born in 1949. She is a native of Coalinga, California. She graduated in creative writing from the University of California at Irvine. The Scholarship Jacket is one of the several short stories Salinas has published in journals and collections.

Words and Meaning II

Tradition : Custom പതിവ്

Valedictorian : one who bids farewell പിരിഞ്ഞു പോകുന്ന വരി ഡ

With vengeance : കൂടുതൽ തീവ്രത യോടെ

Agile : one that can move quickly. വേഗത്തിൽ ചലിക്കാൻ കഴിയുന്ന

Participate : പങ്കെടുക്കുക.

Activity 1. II

1. What was the tradition followed in small Texas schools ?
2. Identify the word from the first paragraph which means "the person who graduates with the highest grades!
3. Can you describe Scholarship Jacket



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4. What might be the inspiration behind Martha to win the scholarship Jacket?
5. How old was Martha
6. Identify the sentence in the second paragraph which tells us that Martha was striving persistently to achieve her dream.
7. Do you think Martha's parents are poor? Justify your answer by citing instances from the second paragraph.
8. Why couldn't Martha participate in sports irrespective of being agile and athletic?
9. Identify the idiom mentioned in the fourth paragraph which means something happens in an extreme way.
10. What does the expression 'spring fever' mean?
11. What did she feel every time she looked in the mirror?
12. How did Martha describe herself and what did her friends call her?
13. Coach Thomson was a real bear if someone wasn't dressed for P.E.'
What impression of the coach do you get from this sentence?

Activity 2. II

Martha has maintained the 'A' grade in her eighth grade too. She is looking forward to winning the scholarship Jacket. She decides to share her dream with her friend. Write the likely letter.

Activity 1

1. Every year during the eighth grade graduation: a beautiful gold and green jacket was awarded to the lass valedictorian, the student who had maintained the highest grades for eight years.
2. Valedictorian
3. The Scholarship Jacket is a beautiful gold and green jacket which is awarded to the class valedictorian. It has a big gold 'S' on the left front side and the name of the winner written in gold letters on the pocket.
4. Her sister had won the Jacket a few years ago and Martha also started dreaming of this jacket.
5. She was fourteen years old.
6. I had been a straight 'A' student since the first grade and this year had looked forward very much to winning that Jacket.
7. Yes. Her father was a farm labourer who couldn't earn enough money to feed eight children. So when she was six she was given to her grandparents to raise.
8. Even though Martha was quite agile and athletic she couldn't participate in sports as it was too expensive. To win a scholarship Jacket only perseverance hard work and determination were enough.
9. With vengeance. (തീവ്രതയോടെ)
10. There is a feeling of excitement at the beginning of the spring season because the weather becomes suddenly warmer in spring.
11. She felt despised.
12. Martha described herself as a pencil thin figure. She was called 'bean pole' and 'string bean' by others because of her lean look.

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13. Coach Thomson is a strict disciplinarian

Activity 2

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Dear Susi,

How are you my dear. Hope you are going smooth. How are your Papa and Mom ?

I think you remember about my ambition. I have told you about it. It has been my desire to get a Scholarship Jacket since my sister owned it. Now I am happy. I am going to own it. I have secured A grades this year also. Now I am waiting for it. You know how happy I am. I can't express my happiness in words. My words are not enough.

My dear.... Convey my regards to all in your family, especially to your sister. Hoping to hear from you soon....

Yours Lovingly,

Martha