

#### **MCB**

STD-VI

SUBJECT : ENGLISH CHAPTER NUMBER: 1 PERIOD NUMBER : 1

CHAPTER NAME :THE NIGHT WE WON THE BUICK

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### **EXPECTED LEARNING OUTCOMES**

#### **GENERAL OBJECTIVES**

- (i) Reading Comprehension followed by questions
- (ii) Be acquainted with short story/Fiction
- (iii) Understanding the plot
- (iv) Understanding characters
- (v) Developing LSRW Skills
- (vi) Know how to write a story- Beginning, middle and end

#### **SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES/ EXTENDED OBJECTIVES**

- (i) Develop LSRW
- (ii) Appreciating the story, plot, characters
- (iii) Developing skill of Critical appreciation
- (iv) Be acquainted with typical vocabulary meant for story writing
- (v) Appreciating varieties of style and diction in literary writing



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## **INTRODUCTION TO THE AUTHOR**

**John Edward Poynder Grigg** (15 April 1924 – 31 December 2001) was a British writer, historian and politician.





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## THEME OF THE STORY

The lesson 'The Night We Won the Buick' emphasizes on the fact that money doesn't make a person rich, but **his** moral conduct and ethical decisions make him rich. The narrator suffered inferiority complex as his family was the only one in the town who didn't have a car. The family was contented in their meagre earnings and extended help to relatives also. The story then follows the events of winning a car in the lottery and a moral dilemma.

To summarize, we should never become materialistic and lose our soul, wisdom is better than any kind of wealth. Money just catches attention but character catches heart. When a person's character is lost, everything is lost. The most expensive thing in this world is our character. Hence, we should always carve our name on people's heart and not on marbles.



# **EXPLANATION (Page-1&2)**

- The narrator of the story is a young boy who is ashamed because his family is the only one in his town that does not own a car as his family is poor.
- His father was a clerk who gave half of his salary to his ill and poor relatives.
- He always yearned for a car and would always tell his parents to buy one.
- The money left with him was not enough to meet the family requirements.
- Even their house was mortgaged.





# **EXPLANATION (Page-1&2)**

- On the other hand, his mother was a contented person and did not think that it was necessary to buy a car.
- His mother would always believe that "If we have character, we have the better part of wealth".
- She would always try to make the narrator understand that they could be happy, even without money.
- She made the utmost use of limited resources to make their home a happy place.





#### **VOCABULARY**

- disreputable: not trusted or respected; thought to have a bad character
- Shetland pony: a very small horse with rough hair
- Eyesore: an unpleasant or ugly sight in a public place
- Splayed: to spread wide apart
- Indigent: very poor
- Confront: to face, meet, or deal with a difficult situation or person
- Retort: to answer someone quickly in an angry or funny way
- Austerity: the condition of living without unnecessary things and without comfort, with limited money or goods, or a practice, habit, or experience
- ACTIVITY: Group discussion
- HOME ASSIGNMENT: Exercise- A, Page 5, one page handwriting





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