

# **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. Born in Westminster, Grigg was the son of Edward Grigg and his wife, Joan Dickson-Poynder. From Eton, Grigg joined the British Army and was commissioned as a second lieutenant into his father's regiment, the Grenadier Guards. While in the British Army, Grigg served as an officer of the Guard at St James's Palace and Windsor Castle, Berkshire and worked as a platoon commander in the 1st Battalion, Grenadier Guards. Later, he became an intelligence officer. After the war, Grigg read Modern History at New College, Oxford. While at Oxford University, he gained a reputation for academic excellence, winning the University Gladstone Memorial Prize in 1948. In the same year, after graduating with second-class honours, Grigg joined National Review which was owned and edited by his father.



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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-3)**

- A few weeks later, the father participated in a lucky draw.
- At the time of the announcement of the winning candidate, the narrator hid under a bush when the speaker called out his father's name.
- And never in the narrator's dreams, did he think that their family would win.
- However, it was a fact that they won the raffle ticket and the prize to it was a grand Buick.
- The family was so excited because it was like a dream which they thought would never become true.
- He reached his house in his usual time and was amazed by the lustre of the Buick.
- He sat in the car and assumed himself driving the car, enjoying its luxury and beauty.
- But their happiness and excitement did not last for long.





#### **EXPLANATION (Page-3)**

- When he entered home, his found his father in an angry mood.
- It was that time when his mother showed him the light 'K' which was written on ticket no.348 which he had won.
- They came to realize that the Buick was not theirs.
- The narrator's father asked his boss if he would like to buy a ticket.
- He answered in affirmative but the thought never crossed his mind ever after.
- So his father took two tickets and the ticket which he won belonged to his boss Jim Kendrick.



#### **EXPLANATION (Page-4-5)**

- The Buick was actually won by the boy's father's boss Kendrick.
- The letter 'k' was written dimly on the corner of the raffle ticket 348.
- Father had written that because when he asked his boss, Jim Kendrick if he wanted to buy the ticket, he said why not; so he had purchased one for him too.





#### **VOCABULARY**

- Chintz: cotton cloth, usually with patterns of flowers, that has a slightly shiny appearance
- Buick: a type of US car made by General Motors
- Raffled: an activity in which people buy tickets with different numbers, some of which are later chosen to win
  - prizes, that is organized in order to make money for a good social purpose
- Throng: a crowd or large group of people
- Bunting: rows of brightly coloured small flags
- Glitter: to produce a lot of small, bright flashes of reflected light
- Extravagant: spending too much money, or using too much of something
- **ACTIVITY:** Group discussion
- **HOME ASSIGNMENT:** Exercise B- Page 5, one page handwriting







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