

# FIRST FLIGHT STD-X

SUBJECT : ENGLISH CHAPTER NUMBER: 3 CHAPTER NAME : TWO STORIES FLYING UNIT -1- HIS FIRST FLIGHT BY LIAM O' FLAHERTY

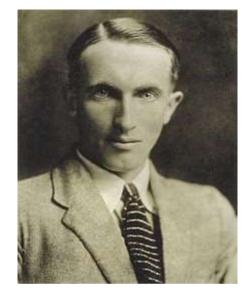
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## **INTRODUCTION TO THE AUTHOR**

Born	28 August 1896 Inishmore, Ireland
Died	7 September 1984 (aged 88) Dublin, Ireland
Occupation	Author
Literary movement	Irish Renaissance
Spouse	Margaret Barrington
Partner	Kitty Tailer
Children	Pegeen, Joyce
Relatives	<u>Tom O'Flaherty</u> , his brother <u>Breandán Ó hEithir</u> , his nephew <u>John Ford</u> , his cousin



Liam O' Flaherty was born on **28 August 1896 in Country Galway, Ireland.** He was an Irish novelist and short story writer and a major figure in Irish literary Renaissance. He breathed his last on 7 September 1984. He became very popular with his best selling novel 'The Informer' in 1925.



### **RECAPITULATION**

- No one attains success instantly. Repeated trials and errors lead to success.
- Success can't be taken for granted.
- Skills have to be learnt in life with sincere efforts.
- One should be confident enough to overcome the fears of life.
- All parental actions are for the betterment of children.
- One has to make efforts through repeated trials shedding of one's early hesitations and fears to succeed in any enterprise.





#### **EXPLANATION OF THE TEXT (PAGE -34-35)**

- He dived at the fish, maddened by hunger
- The young seagull couldn't tolerate the hunger.
- He was surprised at his mother's indifference towards him.
- So he dived for the food.
- With loud screams he fell outward and downwards into the space.
- He took the inspiration from his brothers and siters flying around him.





#### **FIRST FLIGHT**

- Joy of flight and reunion of family members.
- He completely forgot his fear.
- His parents and his siblings beckoned to him.
- He was tired and weak with hunger.
- He sank into the green sea and his belly touched it.
- His family members praised him.
- He successfully made his first flight.





### VOCABULARY

- Ledge- a narrow horizontal cliff
- Plunged- dived
- Upbraiding- scolding
- Cowardice- lack of courage
- Derisively- mockingly
- Plaintively- sorrowfully
- Tapping- beating loudly
- beckoning- signalling
- Scraps- pieces





#### **CHARACTERSKETCH OF THE YOUNG SEAGULL**

- He was afraid of flying.
- He lacked courage.
- He thought his wings wouldn't support him.
- He was underconfident.
- Taunted, criticised by his parents and siblings.
- He wasn't given food since the previous nightfall.
- He attempted to fly but couldn't muster up the courage.
- Finally maddened by hunger, he dived at the fish.
- Learnt that flying is the natural instinct of a bird- his means of survival.





#### **MESSAGE OF THE STORY**

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