

THE LAST LESSON

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(1) Why ~~was~~ did the narrator dread of going to school that morning?

Ans The narrator dreaded of going to school because his teacher had asked students to prepare a lesson on participles, and he knew nothing about them. Moreover, he was late for school.

(2) What was so much tempting that morning and what did the narrator decide to do?

Ans Franz found that it was a very warm and bright day. The birds were chirping at the edge of woods. Prussian soldiers were drilling in the open field at the back of sawmill. He could get gladly spend life out of doors. However, he had the strength to resist the temptation. Finally he, hurried off to school.

(3) In what context did the whole school seem strange and silent?

Ans The whole school seemed so strange and solemn because everybody was very sad to know the order passed from Berlin to teach only German instead of French language in the schools of Alsace and Lorraine.

(4) What peculiar thing did Franz see and feel about his lesson of ~~was~~ writing?

Ans When Franz heard that he was going to attend his last French lesson, he was astounded. His books, that had seemed such a nuisance a while ago, so heavy to carry, his grammar

and his history of the saints, were old friends, now that he couldn't give up.

⑤ "Will they make them sing in German even the pigeons?" Explain it.

Ans The narrator meant that they had grown up using French as their language. Now, taking it away from them would be unfair and unkind. The language was as natural to them as cooing to the pigeons.

⑥ What spectacle did Hauser present when they had a lesson in History?

Ans Hauser was sitting at the back of the room with his spectacles put on. He was holding his primer in both hands. He was spelling the letters with the babies.

⑦ What was unusual about M. Hamel's dress on his last day in school?

Ans M. Hamel had put on his ceremonial clothes on his last day in the school. He was wearing a beautiful green coat, a frilled shirt, and a little black embroidered silk cap.

⑧ How did Hamel prove to be an ideal teacher?

Ans Mr. Hamel ~~proves~~ proved to be an ideal teacher because he worked with selfless dedication and rendered his 40 years of meritorious service. He made people conscious of the importance of their language and national identity.