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Ch7 The Great

About the Author

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Charles Mackay (1814-1889) was a British poet and journalist, son of a naval officer, born at Perth, he engaged in journalism, published songs and poems.

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A.) Answer these questions.

1) - What # lines from the poem tell you that giant appeared strong?

ANS) A giant fence and strong,
His steel was heavy on his flanks,
His arms were ten yards long
His scowled and frowed; he shook
the ground.

2) What was the speaker's initial reaction to the giant?

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Ans) In the beginning, the speaker trembles in fear and felt weak before the giant. (1) Ans)
3) What happened when the speaker stood up to the giant?

Ans) When the speaker stood up to the giant, it did not seem as fierce and mighty anymore. He grew pale, thin and small as if he had ~~the~~ turned into smoke. The giant before the speaker and matches vanished away.

4) How did the speaker feel about this match?

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Ans) The speaker felt proud of herself for being able to stand courageously before the mighty giant when she saw "So tiny the mighty?"

5) How did the speaker gain confidence in herself?

Ans) When the speaker bravely stood up to the giant and declared that she was not scared of him, she saw the giant becoming weaker. This gave her the confidence that she was strong enough to ~~defeat~~ defeat him.

6) ~~How~~ was the giant truly powerful?
(How do we know?)

Ans) Whether the giant was weak or powerful depended on how the speaker saw it. At first the speaker was scared, so the giant seemed fierce, strong and powerful. But later, when the speaker gathered courage and looked him in the face the giant did not seem all that powerful anymore.

3) ~~Think~~ - Think and answer.

1) Do you think ~~it is~~ it is becoming easier to ~~defeat~~ defeat 'giants' ~~with~~ with the first time? why?

Ans) Every giant that we face in our life is a challenge. We require courage to face them and win. But when we defeat a giant for the first time it gives us confidence in ourselves. This makes it easier to stand up to a giant giant the next time.

b) What is the 'shadow' the giant casts over us? you can refer to a dictionary to know what another meaning of 'shadow' is.

Ans) According to the dictionary, shadow also means the bad effect or influence something has on the poem, the shadow the giant casts over us in the night thoughts and feelings that difficulties have on us.

c) How does the giant try to defeat us or ('strike us down')?

Ans) The giant tries to defeat us by taking away our hope and happiness and strikes us from trying to achieve our goals.

d) How can the person who is 'true of heart' defeat the giant?

Ans) A person is said to be true of heart if they have faith, confidence and face fears. The person who is true of heart their fears and tries their hardest to overcome it.

e) What is the lesson we learn from this poem?

Ans. 1) We will face many obstacles in life, many of which seem impossible to deal with. Though we are afraid, we must use our own abilities and face it with determination and hard work. Once we do, we see that it is not as great a difficulty to defeat as we used to think. We must not let our fears get the best of us.

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Using words

Read this line from the poem:
 :) His blood-red eyes turned blue as skies.

The expression in bold is called a simile. It helps to describe things using a quality of one other object. Here, the speaker says that one giant's eyes turned blue as blue as the sky. Similes usually use the words 'as' or 'like'. For example -

Mya's dress is as white as snow
He swam like a fish in the sea

complete these similar with suitable
comparisons

- 1) The water was as hot as fire
- 2) Nazreen's eye - & shone like diamonds
- 3) The chocolate was as sticky as glue
- 4) George framed like monster
- 5) My mother is as smart as computer

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Writing

Have you met any 'giants' in life?
Write a short essay on the 'giants'
challenge you have had to face
like this -

You can order the like this -

- 1) First paragraph: what the challenge was
- 2) Second paragraph: how you overcame it
- 3) Third paragraph: who or what helped you overcome it

Ans) Once a giant came near to me
he is as big as a tree in size
he has horns in his head
and wearing a big crown
by the way he came to attack me
H I was ^{very} frightened but
I gather courage and say to
~~him~~ you are ~~not~~ I am not afraid
of you by saying this he
cools and turned into smoke
I was relieved.