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## The Giant

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

### Q/A

2. Ans: In the beginning, the speaker trembled in ~~far~~ fear and felt weak before the giant

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

4. "Is this the mighty foe?" How did the speaker ~~stood up to the~~ ~~giant~~ feel at this moment?

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Ans- The speaker felt proud of himself for being able to stand courageously before the mighty giant when she said, "Is this the mighty?"

5. How did the speaker gain confidence in herself?

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

6. ~~What~~ Was the giant truly powerful? How do we know?

Ans- Whether the ~~giant~~ 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 ~~great~~ giant  
did not seem all that powerful  
anymore.

B.1. ~~Do~~ Do you think it becomes easier  
to defeat 'giants' after the  
first time? Why?

Ans- Every giant that we face in the  
life is a challenge. We require  
courage to face them each and  
every time 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 the ~~one~~ next time.

2. His Blood-red eyes turned blue  
as skies. How did this change in  
colour happen? Why did the giant's  
eyes turn blue?

Ans- When the ~~great~~ giant was defeated  
by the speaker, he faded and there

vanished there was nothing but blue sky in the place where he had stood. This is why the blood-red ~~eyes~~ ~~eyes~~ faded and then ~~vanished~~ ~~There~~ was into blue of the sky as a color, blood red represents ~~is~~ war, violence and suffering and blue stands for peace. So the colour change from the red to blue also indicates movement from suffering to victory, peace ~~and~~ and happiness.

### APPRECIATING The Poem

- a. The giant in the poem stands for the difficult situations that we all have to face and in the life and the challenges that seem impossible to overcome.
- b. According to the dictionary, shadow also means the bad affect or influence something has. In the poem, the shadow the

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giant casts over us is the negative thoughts and feelings that difficulties hammer on us.

c) The giant craves to defeat us by taking away our hope and happiness and stopping us from trying to achieve our goals.

d) A person is said to be true of heart if they have the faith, courage and confidence to face fears bravely. The person who is true of heart faces their fear and tries their hardest to overcome it.

e) We will face many obstacles in life, many of which seem impossible to defeat. ~~It~~ Though we are afraid we must believe in our abilities and face it with determination and hard work. Once we do, we will see that it is not as great ~~or~~ or is difficult to defeat with as we thought. We must not let our ~~feelings~~