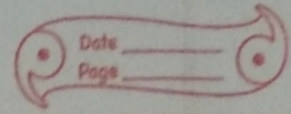


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⑦ THE GIANT

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

Reading

A) Answer the following.

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

ans- A giant fierce and strong

His step was heavy on the floor.

His arms were ten yards long

He scowled and frowned; he shook the ground.

So, these are the lines that shows ~~to~~ us that the giant is strong.

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

ans- In the beginning, the speaker trembled in fear and felt weak before the giant,

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 turned into smoke. He sank before the speaker and ultimately vanished away.

4) "Is this the mighty foe?" How did the speaker feel at this moment?

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

5) How did the speaker gain confidence in herself?
ans- When the speaker bravely stood up to the giant and declared that she is not scared of him, she saw the giant becoming weaker. This gave her the confidence that she was strong enough to defeat him.

6) 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.

B) Think and answer

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

ans- Every giant that we face in our 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 next time.

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

ans- When the giant was defeated by the speaker, he faded and then vanished. There was nothing but blue sky in the place when he stood. This is why the blood-red of his eyes faded into the blue of the sky as a colour, blood red represented war, violence and suffering and blue stands for peace.

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