

MOUNTAIN TRAIL

THEME:-

The story opens our heart, rekindles our spirits and emotions. It is a tribute to life and humanity. Many stories will leave the reader with a feeling of tenderness and a moistness in the eye. The Mountain Trail is the inspiring story of a blind boy who feels he is no good. Then one day in 1857, as the British launch a fierce attack on the troops of Tantia Tope, this little boy, unmindful of the risks, leads the forces of the latter up a hill. Sukhram's courage, braveness and patriotic feeling towards his country made him confident to lead the troops up the goat trails.

I. ERC:-

1. But it will be dark there. I do not know the fields And how shall I graze my father's goats in a strange place where there is darkness.

a. Name the lesson and the author.

b. Identify the speaker.

c. What does 'there' refer to?

d. How would you interpret the meaning of 'darkness'?

2. We command the crossing but they command us.

a) Whom does 'we' and 'they' refer to?

b) What 'crossing' is the speaker referring to here?

c) Why does the speaker say – 'they command us'?

(They were on the mountain top – advantageous position)

II. Answer the following:-(30-40 words)

1. Why according to Sukhram did people feel sorry for him? Why did he think they in fact should envy him?

(Fourteen -year old blind boy- could do nothing like other boys – thought people should envy- his world was beautiful, complete, flawless, blissful, noticed smallest of things that a normal person could not...pg45)

2.How did Sukhram identify the Indian and the English soldiers?

3.For the first time Sukhram knew what it was to be blind. When was this and why did he feel so?

III.Answer the following:-(40-50 words)

1. Give instances to show that Sukhram was confident, though he was blind.

2.How did Sukhram help Tantia Tope's men?

IV.Insecurity and a lack of self-worth is a common experience of childhood. How can children overcome this?

V. Illustrate the beautiful world according to Sukhram.