

## The Village School Master

Theme:-

The poem "The Village Schoolmaster" by Oliver Goldsmith is an extract from his famous poem The Deserted Village. The word "village" in the title clearly suggests that the poem is set in a rural area, probably where the speaker lived. The poem portrays a realistic picture and the speaker's sentiments about a teacher.

Though the poem presents the pleasant remembrances of the poet about the schoolmaster, the poem ends with amazement.

1 .ERC :-

1.Besides yon.....taught his little school (First stanza)

- a.Who does ' his " refer to?
- b. Give the meaning of ' yon'.
- c.Explain the above lines.

2.Full well they laughed ...when he frowned ( Third stanza)

- a.Who does ' they ' refer to?
- b.Use the word ' counterfeited' in your own sentence.
- c.What does the word 'whisper' signify according to the context?
- d.Did the students enjoy the jokes cracked by the Village School Master? Justify.

2. Answer the following:-20-30 words.

- a.What does ' unprofitably gay' mean?
- b.What did the students learn by merely gazing at the master's face?

3.Answer the following;- 30-40 words.

a.Write the character sketch of the Village School Master.

Ans;-strict, disciplinarian, stern, kind hearted

b.From the villagers perspective describe the school master.

4. Think about a teacher who has taught you and has been instrumental in your growth.( word limit 100 words)