

English Notes

Class- VII

Based on Literature

Chapter- 1

Topic – The New Teacher

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3. The new teacher kneaded the grade into position. What does the word mean in this context? Why did the new teacher need to do it?

Ans. In this context the word Kneaded meant Formed.

The new teacher needed to do it because the students' lines and positions in the assembly were sloppiest.

4. Mention some of the drastic changes that the new teacher made right from day one. Why did she treat children like plants?

Ans- The drastic changes that the new teacher made right from day one are as follows:-

- a. Instead of a cosy semicircle as usual, the desks and chairs had been rearranged in stiff, rigid rows.**
- b. She kneaded the grade into position.**
- c. She made the students sit, hands folded on desks.**
- d. She made the students redo their homework who had scribble handwriting and done series of mistakes. She had have the punishment for carelessly dull and mischievous children.**
- e. She stole the toys of the students.**
- f. She complained about the children's liabilities to their mothers.**

She treated the children like plants because she loved plants and believed that both plants and children grow with proper care and not by giving in to whims.

C. Think and answer the questions.

- 1. Friendly as St Geoffrey's was, Mrs Clark sometimes did wish...what do you think Mrs Clark wished for?**

Ans- I think, Mrs Clark wished for that as the school was permissive and quite homey, Roger scholastic progress wasn't praiseworthy, his spelling remained atrocious.

2. 'School isn't supposed to be a fun fest'. 'Miss Wilson got down on the floor?' 'I'm sure not every day is as frolicsome'. Why did Roger's family react to his disclosure? What does it tell us about each speaker? Who do you think tends to react most normally according to little Roger?

Ans- Roger's family reacted to his disclosure because they could have barely believed that the school was permissive and quite homey.

About each speaker it tells us that as follows:-

Roger's sister spoke with all-knowing tone that she wouldn't support such nonsense attitude.

Roger's father was old fashioned person and shocked to hear that Miss Wilson got down on the floor supporting children.

Roger's mother did hope that the school was not permissive and homey everyday.

According to little Roger his mother, Mrs Clark tended to react most normally.

HW- What do you mean by 'Metaphor'. Illustrate with atleast two examples from the text.