

Chapter-1

The Portrait of a Lady

Q.1 How does author describe her grand father?

Ans - The Portrait of author grand father was hung above mantel piece. He wear a big turban & loose fitting clothes. His long white beard covered the major part of chest. He looked hundred years old to the author. He did not look a sort of person who would have a wife or children. He looked as he could only have lots & lots of grandchildren.

Q.2 Mention 3 phases why the author's grand-mother was disturbed when he started going to city school.

Ans - When author start to English school the grand mother could no longer company him. she had no faith in teaching of English school. she was distressed that there was no teaching about God & Scriptures. she was extremely unhappy, when she came to know about music classrooms given in schools as to how music had lewd associations.



Q.3 Mention 3 ways in which author's grandmother spent her days after he grew up.

Ans. After author grew up, the author's grandmother scarcely left spinning-wheel. From sunrise to sunset she sat by her spinning wheel. Only in afternoon, she declared for a while to feed the sparrows. Apart from these 2 things, she always kept counting & reciting her prayers & beads of rosary.

Q.4 Grandmother appeared "like the winter landscape in mountains". Discuss.

Ans. The author's grandmother was never an attractive woman physically but she had a divine beauty in her. She always used to wear spotless white dress & silver white hair made her look a snow-mountain in the appearance to be an epitome of pure white serenity.

Q.5 "That was turning point". What was the turning point?

Ans. The author's grandmother died. The village with his

grandmother. She woke up early in morning, get him ready for school & even help him in his lesson. They were always together. The turning point in friendship came when author came to city.

Q.6 Mention way in which the sparrows express their sorrow when author's grandmother died.

Ans. In the evening, when author & his family went where grandmother's body was lying, then saw 1000 of sparrows sitting scattered on a floor near her but they were silent. The author's mother offered some beads but sparrows didn't notice. After grandmother was taken away sparrows flew away.

Q.7 The odd way in which author's grandmother behaved just before she died.

Ans. Just before day, grandmother died, a change came over her. She did not pray. She got an odd dream & started to sing. Next morning she was taken ill. The doctor thought nothing of a but

grandmother thought differently. she told everyone that her end was near & she would spend last of her moment in prayer & not waste her time in talking to anyone. she lay peacefully in bed praying & before anyone could suspect her lips stop moving, she passed away peacefully.

Q.8 Mention 3 Phases of author's relation with his grandmother before he left country to study abroad?

Ans. The 1st phase of their relationship was when author's parents went to live in city & left him with his grand. she took utmost care of him. They were always together & enjoyed an early relationship.

The next phase was when author's parents asked them to come in city. This was time when author's relationship with his grandmother changed. The author went to an English School. She could no longer accompany him now could she help in his studies.

Finally the common link of friendship snapped when author move to university & given a room of his own. she rarely talk to him after that.

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