



VISTAS
SUPPLEMENTARY READER
Lesson 2 : The Tiger King

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THEME:

1. The story is a satire on the conceit of those in power.
2. It makes an earnest plea for the protection of tigers.

Main Points :

1. The Maharaja Sir Jilani Jung Bahadur of Pratibandapuram is known as The Tiger King.
2. A Miracle
 - (a) Infant- 10 days old spoke
 - (b) Asked intelligent question- the source and manner of his death.
 - (c) Cautioned all tigers.
3. The royal child grew stronger, taller.
4. Grew up in English environment
 - taught by an English Tutor
 - drank milk of an English cow
 - look after by an English Nanny
 - watched English films.
5. At the age of 20 he was crowned as king.
6. Began hunting tigers in Pratibandapuram.
7. Astrologer warned him to be careful with the 100th tiger.
8. He became the Sole Hunter and none other were allowed to hunt tiger.
9. He faced threat of losing his kingdom. One British officer was denied the permission to hunt tigers in Pratibandapuram or even get a photograph with the carcass of a tiger.
10. He saved his kingdom by gifting 50 expensive diamond rings, costing 3 lac rupees to the British officer's wife.
11. Maharaja killed 70 tigers in 10 years.
12. As there were no more tigers left in Pratibandapuram Maharaja married a girl from that royal state which had more tigers.
13. Hunted in his father-in-law's kingdom and killed 99 tigers.
14. He was feverishly anxious to kill the 100th but couldn't find.
15. News regarding presence of tiger near a village.
16. Irrational behaviour of king towards villagers
 - (a) First he gave 3-years tax exemption to find a tiger
 - (b) Later in anger he doubled land tax as no tiger was found
17. The hundredth tiger
 - (a) Dewan warned by the king



- (b) Dewan had the tiger at home which he had earlier brought from people's park in Madras
- (c) Put that tiger in the forest
- (d) King shot the tiger collapsed
- (e) King thought it was dead went home triumphant
- (f) But actually he had missed the shot
- (g) Shot again and killed by hunters (not by the king)
- (h) Carcass of the tiger was carried in procession and buried- tomb erected.

18. Maharaja's Death

- (a) Maharaja gifted a wooden toy tiger to his son on his birthday.
- (b) Toy tiger was made by unskilled worker.
- (c) One tiny sliver pierced in king's left hand while he was playing with the toy with his son.
- (d) Three famous surgeons from Madras operated
- (e) The operation successful but king died
- (f) Final revenge by hundredth tiger (wooden toy tiger)

Short Answer Question (30- 40 words)(content 2+ expression 1 = 3 marks each.)

- Q.1. What was the miracle that took place in the royal palace?
 Ans. The miracle was associated with the birth of Maharaja. When he was only 10 days old infant he not only spoke but raised an intelligent question about the manner of his death. After knowing that he would be killed by a tiger he uttered "Let tigers beware".
- Q2. Why was it celebration time for all the tigers inhabiting Pratibandpuram ?
- Q.3. What did the Maharaja do when he stood in danger of losing his kingdom by refusing the British officer for tiger hunting?
- Q.4. Why did Maharaja order the Dewan to double the tax?
- Q.5. From where did the dewan arrange the hundredth tiger?

Long answer type Question.(125-150 words)(content 3 +expression 3 = 6 marks each)

- Q.1 Draw a character sketch of the Tiger king in your own words.

- Ans. - The maharaja of Pratibandapuram.
- The astrologers' prediction
 - Tiger king brought up
 - Maharaja's campaign of tiger hunting.
 - The obstacles he faced to complete
 - The special episode of 100th tiger.
 - The revenge of wooden toy tiger.

Character traits :- Royalty, fearless, (showed signs in infancy)
 courageous, egoistic (spent his youth to disprove the prophecy)
 obsessed, whimsical

- Q.2. How did the hundredth tiger avenge the death of all the tigers? Elucidate.
- Q.3. The story is a satire on the conceit of those in power: Elucidate
- Q.4. What is the author's comment on subjecting innocent animals to the willfulness of human beings?